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HEY! I THINK
I HEAR VOICES!!
SSSHHHH...

I THINK ITS
STEW! ... & THERE'S
LOTS OF OTHER
PEOPLE... FCKN
SHUDDUP!!

BEEF
FAT!?!?
UUUK!FCKN!
I SAY WE USE
THE EXPLOSIVES!
OFF THE PIGS!!
VINA LAREVOL
UCION!!

DUDE! THAT STATEMENT
IS SO 1960'S! CAN'T WE
THINK OF A MORE PUNK
ROCK WAY TO " OFF
DA PIGZ" ?!

WOULD YOU MORONS SHUT UP SHUTTING
UP!?!- FCKN!! STEW IS SURROUNDED
BY FCKN PIGS! WE NEED TO DIS-
TRACT THEM & I KNOW EX-
ACKLY HOW!!!

CAN WE PLEASE VOTE TO PASS A MOTION
THAT THE COMRADES SHUT THE FCK UP!
ITS BAD ENUFF WE WENT DUMPSTER DIV-
ING WHILE STEW WAS CAPTURED BY
THOSE RED NECK PIGS SO LETS NOT
FCK UP THE BIG RESCUE PLAN!
WERE GETTING CLOSE NOW! I THINK
I SEE SOME LIGHT.. UMM YOU
GUYS DO HAVE A PLAN
RIGHT? -HELLO?

A speech bubble with jagged, expressive edges containing the text 'RUN STEW!!!' in a bold, sans-serif font.

NEW!!
CKN RUN!!
IDE!!

gobble gobble

FCK YEAH!
THATS MY GIRL
SPIT! FCKN...



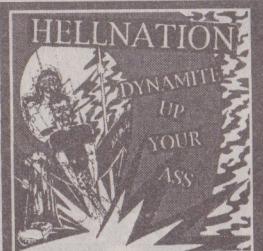
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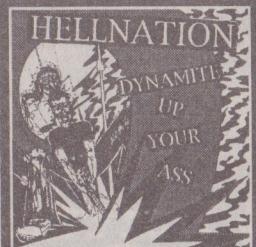
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by Ayun Halliday

I've been following the chronicles of Ayun's family in her zine, *The East Village Ink*, which is one of my absolute favorite zines. Ayun and her husband Greg have two kids, 3 year old Inky and baby Milo. They started out living in the East Village (of New York City) and are now residing in Brooklyn. Ayun's zine is always full of hilarious and charming stories about her adventures in parenting in the big city. Her zine is hand-written and illustrated and she shares the intimate details of daily life with small children as well as her favorite hot spots around town with the kids in tow.

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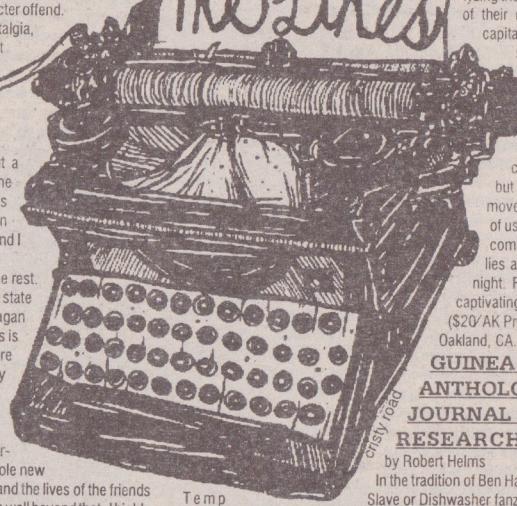
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GUINEA PIG ZERO: AN ANTHOLOGY OF THE JOURNAL FOR HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECTS

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There are some cool things and others bad. This "organization" is completely anti-authoritarian. With no leaders, this sometimes attracts people who are not familiar with these beliefs. After a few rides, some people tend to take on a leadership role which may frustrate people, who are trying to have good time. This leader-less organization really frustrates cops when there are looking for a head person. Some riders have made a point to become more anti-car than pro-bike, proposing belligerence towards auto drivers.

Within the pages of this book you will learn the jargon, including "cutting the red" which means running a red light, and a history of bicycling containing a story of The Great Bicycle Protest of 1896 fighting towards better roadways in San Francisco, especially for cyclists. You will also read about Dildo-Man, the short lived super hero trying to promote the use of the bicycle. There are also short biographies for the contributing writers of this book.

I felt that this book was a good read because of the different stories from around the globe and the similarities between them all, and how this has spread.

By AK Press) (-Stu Love)

THE COMPASSIONATE COOKBOOK

by Monika Penner

This is an 8 1/2 x 11 spiral bound cookbook with some of the most amazing vegan recipes I have ever seen. You could open your own vegan restaurant with this cookbook alone. I am a sucker for vegan breakfast foods and this cookbook has some of the best recipes I've ever had. There is a recipe for vegan calamari! And several Indian foods and a couple of bread recipes to boot. I'm talking about some fancy stuff here. The dessert section is out of control. These are the things you make to impress that special person, show the folks that vegan food is good or make for someone's birthday. It's a little pricey but worth adding to your collection if you're into getting busy in the kitchen. (\$10 Canada, ? less than 10 dollars) U.S. P.O. Box 26097 Westbank BC Canada V4T 263) (-krissi)

IN SUNLIGHT, IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

by Kathleen Cambor

So the title of this caught my eye, and then I found out it was about the Johnstown flood, and being from Pennsylvania - and having a bit of an obsession with the land and the weather - well I had to read it. And this was such an amazing story for a variety of reasons. It's a creative blend of reality and fiction - the fiction basically being delivered in the character development. The facts are the facts. In 1889 there was an incredible rain, which broke a dam and flooded the town of Johnstown to such a devastating degree that the town was wiped out. The story is told through the eyes of several different people, some of which were the Industrialists of the time - from Pittsburgh - Andrew Carnegie, Andrew Mellon, and Henry Clay Frick - folks who's names you probably know from schools and libraries and iron works and half of the institutions of the 'Burg. These men, along with some other wealthy industrialists of the day bought into a resort club which was a summer getaway along the rivers which met in Johnstown. The dam was a part of the club and it was largely due to negligence on the upkeep which caused the catastrophe. The character development of the towns people, the club members and the few who ventured in-between show a lot in the way of class privilege and power and politics. And it's this which may find of interest if this natural disaster in PA doesn't peak your interest in and of itself. I was hooked through the whole book. The PA history, the people, the time, the place, the politicos - I absolutely loved it. (Perennial/Harper Collins) (-Chris)

THE POLITICS OF MEMORY - LOOKING FOR A NEW GERMANY IN THE NEW GERMANY

by Jane Kramer

Kramer gives an in depth look into the modern German identity focusing on the years of the 'falling wall' and unification. The book is broken into 6 chapters written over a couple year period, and Kramer, an American who lived in Berlin tells the story as an outsider who has been their long enough to grasp the situation. One aspect that may be of special interest to Slug & Lettuce readers is the first chapter, which explores the Kreuzberg section of Berlin. Here she describes the Autonomen (German anarchist-squatters) and their interactions with the surrounding community. Interesting critique and analysis of the situation, plus a good amount of stories. One of the most memorable is how the Autonomen dealt with a bourgeois restaurant that opened in the neighborhood, which was furthering the gentrification. Three masked Autonomen walked in to the restaurant during business hours with buckets of shit, and then proceeded to dump them across the tables. The restaurant closed. Impressive. Close to home I can't imagine a group of PDX punx walking into a bourgeois shop on Alberta and dumping shit as a statement—I can imagine people talking about it, but doing it. Anyway, the book also goes into different aspects of German culture like the extent of the social control of the Stasi (East German secret police) and the struggle of one man to reach the west only to be dissatisfied with capitalistic West Germany. The last chapter, Skins, goes into detail of the rise of racism and neo-nazi moments in modern Germany. Here Kramer uses reports and interview of nazi-skinheads trying to explain their fucked up views. Also what is well expressed in the book is how 40 years of separation has effected the people of the nation and a generation growing up in two different ideologies (capitalism and communism) are learning to (in theory) become one. A damn good read, especially if you hold an interest in European counter-culture. (-Mike Straight)

9-11

by Noam Chomsky

In another fabulous addition to their Open Media Pamphlet series, Seven Stories Press has transcribed seven speeches and interviews of renowned M.I.T. professor Noam Chomsky, all of which were given between Sept. 19th and Oct. 5th 2001. The author of over thirty critical books on U.S. foreign policy, Chomsky focuses here on the root causes of the World Trade Center attacks, explaining how America could be viewed in much of the world as a "leading terrorist state, with good reason". He argues in 9-11 that the U.S. government should follow the rule of international law, rather than unilaterally waging war on Afghanistan, if it wants to avoid further atrocities.

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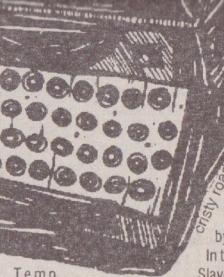
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GUINEA PIG ZERO: AN ANTHOLOGY OF THE JOURNAL FOR HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECTS

by Robert Helms

In the tradition of Ben Hamper's "Rivethead" or

Slave or Dishwasher fanzines, comes the occu-

pational choice for the lumpen proletariat of the 21st century. Guinea pigging,

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steadily been gaining steam as not only a form of extra cash, but indeed as a

legitimate alternative to the 40 hour work week. Editor and often times writer, Bob

Helms guides us on a tour of this often denounced, and more often understood

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some quick money to those who are full time, \$30K a year professionals who

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THE POLITICS OF MEMORY - LOOKING FOR A NEW GERMANY IN THE NEW GERMANY

by Jane Kramer

Kramer gives an in depth look into the modern German identity focusing on the years of the 'falling wall' and unification. The book is broken into 6 chapters written over a couple year period, and Kramer, an American who lived in Berlin tells the story as an outsider who has been there long enough to grasp the situation. One aspect that may be of special interest to Slug & Lettuce readers is the first chapter, which explores the Kreuzberg section of Berlin. Here she describes the Autonomes (German Anarchist-squatters) and their interactions with the surrounding community. Interesting critique and analysis of the situation, plus a good amount of stories. One of the most memorable is how the Autonomes dealt with a bourgeois restaurant that opened in the neighborhood, which was furthering the gentrification. Three masked Autonomes walked in to the restaurant during business hours with buckets of shit, and then proceeded to dump them across the tables. The restaurant closed. Impressive. Close to home I can't imagine a group of PDX punx walking into a bourgeois shop on Alberta and dumping shit as a statement—I can imagine people talking about it, but doing it. Anyway, the book also goes into different aspects of German culture like the extent of the social control of the Stasi (East German secret police) and the struggle of one man to reach the west only to be dissatisfied with capitalistic West Germany. The last chapter, Skins, goes into detail of the rise of racism and neo-nazi moments in modern Germany. Here Kramer uses reports and interview of nazi-skimheads trying to explain their fucked up views. Also what is well expressed in the book is how 40 years of separation has effected the people of the nation and a generation growing up in two different ideologies (capitalism and communism) are learning to (in theory) become one. A damn good read, especially if you hold an interest in European counter-culture. (-Mike Straight)

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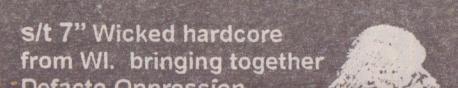
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This is a charming story about a car. It's clever and fun. Ever wonder about the stories old cars have to tell. Well you might think I gave it all away here in this chronology, but I didn't. Sara tells a good story and there is plenty more depth to this enjoyable read. This is the kind of car that I would fall in love with and I thoroughly enjoyed following it around the country. (\$6ppd from Sara Doubles/Po Box 190054/SF CA 94119) (-Chris)

GLUE AND INK REBELLION: A COLLECTION OF STORIES

by Sean Carswell

Reading this book of stories has been really enjoyable. Sean is really a great writer. Sean has been writing for zines for years - writing about his life, his friends, his culture. Naturally - when you are really good at something, as Sean is at writing, people start asking you why you don't make any money from your hobby or passion. So this starts out with Sean explaining where he's coming from and his early attempts at contributing to literary journals and generally participating in the literary world. Essentially it came down to a matter of toning down his language, which he was not willing to do.

What I really enjoyed about Sean's stories is the honest portrayal of his people and the wisdom and smarts that are woven into these stories. These are the kind of stories that could be fiction, could be true, and in reality are a combination of the two. The stories flow together, and so the short story

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What I love about this book is that it sums it all up so well. Giving the facts in an understandable way that I could never hope to get such a clear and precise grip on. It's a complicated topic and now is a great time to get a handle on it. The book is cheap, informative and full of a wealth of information that I think it is very important for everyone to understand. And with that kind of importance, I couldn't recommend it enough. (\$8/AK Press) (-Chris)

DIRECT ACTION by Ann Hansen This is a book I've been waiting for some time now. For years I've read short articles and heard brief mentions of the Vancouver/Squamish Five and never been able to get a handle on the complete story of who they were and what drove them to lead an urban guerrilla campaign in Canada in the early 1980's. This is the best behind the scenes, heavily detailed account of an underground cadre organization I have ever read, and I've read many. Ann guides us through her early political education and radicalization, as she becomes aware of and openly supports the activities of the Red Army Faction from Germany while living in Paris. Upon returning to Canada she becomes disillusioned with the shortcomings of the mainstream environmental movement and eventually lands in Vancouver. Once in Vancouver Ann hooks up with the more militant elements of the local anarchist movement and they begin to pull together for an underground existence. Setting up fake identities, stealing cars, gun training and having countless political discussions on the destructive new environmental megaprojects being put together. In time Ann and company begin to carry out small actions such as trashing and destroying corporate property, building up momentum to plan for larger actions which come soon, culminating with a massive explosion at the Toronto Litton Systems Plant where cruise missiles were in production. Ann walks us carefully

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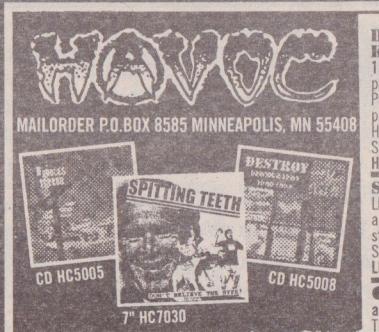
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You were never supposed to die. All the twist and turns of the incredible future I saw for you and for our friendship never took into account your death. I never thought that someone so alive and so present in my life could all of the sudden be gone. That I can't pick up a phone and call you, that when my phone rings I know I won't hear your voice on the other end. And yet my fingers still ache to dial your number even though it would be futile and useless. Each time my phone rings, it still runs through my mind for just a glimmer of a heartbeat that it might be you. That I might pick it up and hear the way that only you say hi. If there was a way, I would ask the phone company to block your phone number. Then I would know for sure that there was no way for you to call. Even though you're gone from this world, it would force me to stop hoping it was you each time the phone rings. I've blocked you from my e-mail account. Your fingers will never again touch a keyboard sending words of love and friendship to me, but I still had to make sure I had to give up hope. I deleted everything you ever sent me except for the love letter you wrote from San Francisco. I do believe that friends can write each other love letters and so even though you'd argue with me endlessly that it was most definitely NOT a love letter, there isn't much you can say about it now. I get to call it a love letter and you can't argue with me anymore. You can't talk to me anymore. You can't be my friend anymore. I will never feel your arms holding me at night while I talk to you about secrets I so rarely share. You won't ever try to find the joke to make me laugh. In fact, you'll never hear me laugh again. I keep thinking of everything about you that I will no longer have in my life. Of everything in my life that you will no longer have. It runs through my mind over and over... all of the moments that have happened since you died that I've wanted to share with you. This must be what people mean when you have to accept death. I struggle to accept the loss of you from my life. It just seems so unfathomable. It feels as if my mind is on pause, holding onto the moment when I knew you were never coming back. My mind just keeps staying in that moment, frozen in that initial crush of despair. You're supposed to know that I finally quit smoking. I was up to a pack a day and I literally couldn't financially afford it anymore. Everytime I tell people that, they always emphatically say "You couldn't afford to smoke in a LOT of ways!" and nod their heads wisely. I don't care about that. I only care about the fact that I can't financially afford to smoke and so I quit and you don't know. I even write this as if you're going to read these words and know that I don't smoke anymore. As if you'll congratulate me, be relieved for me, be happy for me, be proud of me. You don't feel anything anymore. I don't believe in heaven and I don't think that you're some benign spirit out there watching me from above. I believe in hell and I think that you were in it, here on earth. Anyone who knew you would say that you lived a gifted, incredible, talented, amazing life. But I knew better. I saw the confusion, the tears, the suffering and sadness. I confronted so much of it inside of you, dragged it out into the sunlight and forced you to deal with it and process it and embrace it. I got to see the side of you that was ugly. Everyone who knew you always used the word "nice" to describe you, and a part of me wants to grab those people and shake them and explain the part of you that I got to see. The part of you that was cruel and malicious. Those aspects of your personality that were manipulative and opportunistic. The way you used people, discarded them, and moved so casually on. As much as I loved parts of you, I also got to hate aspects of the man that you were. And now that you're dead, it makes me want to embrace only the hate. I had put so much faith in you and your death is the ultimate betrayal. It makes me want to remember the ways that you hurt me, the ways that you used me. Now that you're gone and I will never have you back, why would I want to venerate you into some incredibly gorgeous creature? That sounds like absolute torture. When I think about the time you drove me to the hospital and I was in so much physical pain that I couldn't even think straight and you took care of me... those memories feel like they are razor sharp and as if each mental picture cuts me to my core and makes my very heart bleed. Fortune cookies that seemed to prophesize everything that our hearts yearned for. Hearing the faint and constant beating of your heart. Holding your hand as we walked down the pier after throwing pennies down into the depths of the bay, and made wishes. And now my wish won't ever come true. You're dead and my wish is resting at the bottom of the ocean, forever lost.



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In one concise, shrink accepted phrase, my big problem right now is feeling a lack of place and belonging in my life. It's this feeling of lonely isolation that's driven me into psychotic depressive backswing after psychotic depressive backswing, anxiety attack riddled night after anxiety attack riddled night. I mean shit, sometimes when your heart beats so fast it feels like it's trying out for a part in ASSUCK and paranoid delusions rise to the ranks of an Art Bell listener, good things can happen. You can write or sing bad hardcore songs or paint or skate well or do any number of other productive crafts that can only arise under some sort of emotional duress. Me? I used to love getting all upset. If you've ever read my zine, you can tell that 99% of it was written in the midst of a panic attack or bout with schizophrenic paranoia. But lately, as I feel increasingly alone in this already overpopulated world, it's gotten to the point that these attacks are no longer creatively inspiring, but damnright debilitating. I can't sleep. I can't eat. My mind can't focus on anything but nasty events or traumas, real or imagined. It gets to the point that my mind is dragging my body in its frothy wake without concern or care for its victim.

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Crescent Wrench Bookstore & Infoshop existed from fall 1996 through 1998. It was started by a bunch of anarchists and a few punks in New Orleans, Louisiana; we loosely knew each other from food not bombs and radical activist circles. In many ways it was similar to how a lot of anarchist bookstores start, a few people who knew each other got together to create a space in their city. I was thrilled; it was what existed in so many other cities I had visited, a center for anarchists to mingle and discuss theory, to try to disperse radical literature and have a gathering place for other projects like free-schools. It was so exciting to be a part of creating one of those spaces. I really learned how to use consensus there, when our group functioned well together it was really amazing and inspiring. There were always some differing opinions, but it seemed like generally everyone in the collective felt a sense of entitlement to utilize the space. It was not without difficulty, but it was really a powerful group.

We were in two different locations and the second space was more expensive. It was in an area that was becoming gentrified, one block from a housing project and one block from an up-and-coming shopping strip with antique stores and alternative clothing shops. The situation there was definitely tense. One of the difficulties was that we had kids who lived in the housing project visit in which was sometimes really amazing, sometimes really hard. Our relationship to the parents and adults living in the projects was often ignored or vaguely addressed; it was really difficult to talk about directly. I think often it was easier to interact with the children, maybe on an unconscious level it related to power and experience; falling into the role of middle class white folks as educator, and young poor people as those in need. Interactions with adults often were overshadowed by our own internalized racism and cultural stereotyping which made it difficult for us to interact in ways that would build community or transcend the segregation that existed in that neighborhood between us. It was more common to avoid directly addressing race issues beyond trying to interact with the kids. Most of the weekly problems revolved around difficulty establishing boundaries for the kids when they were in the space. Some people had really great ideas, from working with children in public schools, like don't be alone with a kid, let the parents meet you and know if you are spending time with their children, and establishing firm guidelines of when is "kid time". That means times when

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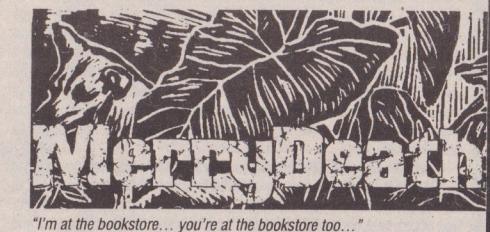
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Crescent Wrench Bookstore & Infoshop existed from fall 1996 through fall 1998.□ It was started by a bunch of anarchists and a few punks in New Orleans, Louisiana; we loosely knew each other from food not bombs and radical activist circles. In many ways it was similar to how a lot of anarchist bookstores start, a few people who know each other get together to create a space in their city. I was thrilled; it was what existed in so many other cities I had visited, a center for anarchists to mingle and discuss theory, to try to disperse radical literature and have a gathering place for other projects like free-schools. It was so exciting to be a part of creating one of those spaces. I really learned how to use consensus there, when our group functioned well together it was really amazing and inspiring.□ There were always some differing opinions, but it seemed like generally everyone in the collective felt a sense of entitlement to utilize the space. It was not without difficulty, but it was really a powerful group.

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see the side of you that was ugly. □ Everyone who knew you always used the word "nice" to describe you, and a part of me wants to grab those people and shake them and explain the part of you that I got to see. □ The part of you that was cruel and malicious. Those aspects of your personality that were manipulative and opportunistic. □ The way you used people, discarded them, and moved so casually on. □ As much as I loved parts of you, I also got to hate aspects of the man that you were. □ And now that you're dead, it makes me want to embrace only the hate. □ I had put so much faith into you and your death is the ultimate betrayal. □ It makes me want to remember the ways that you hurt me, the ways that you used me. □ Now that you're gone and I will never have you back, why would I want to venerate you into some incredibly gorgeous creature? □ That sounds like absolute torture. □ When I think about the time you drove me to the hospital and I was in so much physical pain that I couldn't even think straight and you took care of me... those memories feel like they are razor sharp and as if each mental picture cuts me to my core and makes my very heart bleed. □ Fortune cookies that seemed to prophesize everything that our hearts yearned for. □ Hearing the faint and constant beating of your heart. □ Holding your hand as we walked down the pier after throwing pennies down into the depths of the bay and made wishes. □ And now my wish won't ever come true. □ You're dead and my wish is resting at the bottom of the ocean, waiting to come true. □ It is going to wait for years and years until I am dead too and there is no longer any strength in those wishes that we made as we kissed those pennies and threw them into the darkness. □ I feel like that penny, slowly sinking into darkness and coldness. □ Waiting and filled with hope, yearning to have everything come true. □ Waiting for you to come back. □ But you won't because you can't and even writing that just seems so final. □ So cut and dried, so black and white. □ There is no gray area for me to get lost in and



The GPS reads 31°49.000N 114°42.000W. The anchor's holding tight in 8 fathoms of water and the little boat is head to flying nothing but a staysail. The barometer is standing strong at 1014.5 and the night is inky black. With the exception of the thundering surf, there's nothing to keep me company save a few dull, distant stars who just exacerbate the feeling of desolation that clings to me like a wet pair of silk panties.

The wind is blowing out of the North-northwest and the Posi-Ship **Que Será** (named after that sassy genius who ended her life last year) is pointed right to windward, taking each wave with a boxer's grace. To the North, nothing but open sea 'til you hit the Aleutians. To my South, nothing but open sea 'til you hit Antarctica. To the East, 10 nautical miles away, is the desolate coast of Baja. To my West, the sexy curves of Isla Todos Santos Norte. Ok, sexy is one of those things better left to individual persuasion. But me, I think the low, barren, windswept, godforsaken island with nothing but a crumbling old abandoned lighthouse is sexier than fuck. For the moment, I am glad to be here alone on this

island. "We have people looking to us for strength and motivation when in reality, we're the same as anyone else, albeit with different body types. I saw this happen in breakups with an ex-landmate and a potential lover in the past few months after I failed to live up to their expectations of fortitude and reserve (and was told so to my face)."

Recognizing this has only deepened my feelings of isolation from the scene I have poured my entire post-pubescent life into. Like breaking up with a long-term love, I now see that the majority of the punkivist scene does not fulfill my needs mentally or emotionally. The only place I know I'll be supported and accepted unconditionally is in the leather scene of over masculine men and those who love them. Now, I feel more at home in black painted bars than I ever have in a punk club or activist meeting, but at the same time, the leather scene doesn't fulfill my needs either, 'cuz dammit, I love having a diversity of energies around and well, let's just say the butchess chap scene is less than ummm, shall we say, diverse.

So where does this leave me, aside from bobbing up and down with a thick North swell off some godforsaken island in Northern Mexico? Well, confused and hurt and scared for three. But also with a positive wind blowing out of the future. I feel strong and good about the possibilities coming down the pipes for us. We can create our own scenes from the ruins of the dysfunctional old. After sitting through that workshop and watching a deep seated intimacy arise between perfect strangers, I know that if enough of us go out of our way to make something wonderful, we can do it. There are enough of us nutballs out there to make a scene that could kick the shit out of the New York Hardcore Scene circa '87 and one that could really start having serious rewards in the near future, as fewer and fewer of our geniuses feel the need to escape the pain and alienation of this world. Maybe it's something as simple as ditching your cool kid insecurity and saying

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found that kids responded well to direct communication. But there were tensions outside the space, with adults and racial tension that we never really found ways of addressing consistently.

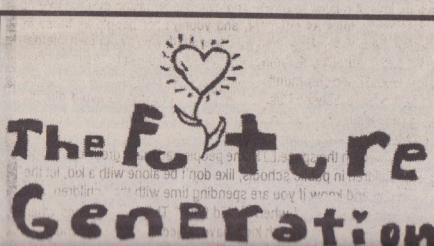
I was young, and I don't think I ever really thought about who our target audience was, other than that I assumed that people with money buy books—college students, middle-aged radicals. The free condoms and free box were the free resources we had that seemed to appeal to a wider audience beyond that. I think a few of us had the idea that by carrying diverse books; African American history, class struggle, etc. that we would eventually appeal to radical communities of color. But even in a city made up of 80% people of color, the people who came into the bookstore were more than 90% white. There were a lot of different ideas of how to try to change that dynamic, how to address issues of our role in the gentrification of that neighborhood. What I feel like I learned the most was the general consensus that in order to have a racially diverse group having events and running the place, the makeup of our group would have to reflect that. Our group was largely female, with a strong queer presence, and the events and people who were attracted to the space reflected that. But racially we were predominantly white, and destined to reflect that in terms of who used the space.

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I am not a big movie kind of person, but I really enjoyed all the films. They were good story telling. I liked hearing the tone/character of peoples voices in the audio. In *Crowdog*, Vanessa Renwick tells about these two years that she didn't wear shoes and how she hitch hiked to the Indian Reservation where the last battles of AIM went down but instead went to a Sun Dance where she fasted for a week. I was into her story as images of the road, her feet, her young half wolf dog—who was a part of the story—and splashing in the river floated before me. It was really cool, like I was there with her in her mind.

Vanessa showed a bunch of her short films and they were all really diverse and good. Some had no words like this one of a girl flying down this hill on a bike, off a highway, on this curvy

we lived in Santa Cruz, more people knew my gregarious toddler then they knew me. She was mature and she could hold a interesting conversation for someone her age, because of her social exposure. She would dance up front at bands.

I think back now and laugh. It is different. And I am used to it. It was an adjustment to make, around the time my daughter turned 11 and I turned dumb in her eyes, when she chose to stay home over going out with me. Because whatever I liked must be a drag. She was different, not like me. She needed her own space. Adolescence, it's normal stuff you know. But kind of ironic. Mom goes to see movies with a "dissident political streak" by film makers who don't own televisions, creating our own culture while daughter stays home with

years, so I could get support from my family—because I was down and out, definitely factors in with my daughters more conservative tendencies. My thesis of the non rebelling child of counterculture roots is: a) the greater environment of society, school and town has to show that their parent's belief system is feasible/credible b) the child has been nurtured, safe, but not overwhelmed by their parent's value systems c) the child that grows with the proper balance of autonomy would not have to violently assert it.

But I also believe life isn't as simple as a theory or two.

I have been inquiring around. Some teenagers of sceneries are cool with their parent, no big teen rebellion. I asked a very radical homeschooled/political activist/hipster friend a while back. Her 14 year old was experiencing no teenage rebellion and was very nice to be around. A local artist progressive mom of a college aged daughter, told me that "I was lucky she never went through that stage where she hated me". That made me feel kinda bad. But, I heard word of mouth, that another mom of teen was heard to voice "I'm a cool mom. Why does my kid hate me?!" That this is pretty normal. Some kids get really embarrassed and reject their roots. And it's not because they were abused or there parents are hypocrites—it is just that individuals reaction. It depends as much on a person's personality as it does on the era they were born to, the predestination of parenting and environment. Some kids question there parents values more than others. Teenage years in America are difficult for many, they were for me. One's perspective on life isn't 100% cognizant and true as a teenager - nor is it that way at any age. It's almost like the changing perspectives we see throughout our lives are all but a bit of the whole. The cycle of life. How can any view from one pair of eyeballs in one point in space—see it all?

III

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I also talked/listened to the Lucky Bum film makers after the show. It was exciting to discover, on a side note, that Vanessa had two teenagers of her own! I wouldn't have guessed that this vibrant kinda sexy interesting cool woman truckin around America with these great works was a mother to two teenagers and in her 40's. She told me that 2 of the school kids visiting and making art with Richard in his movie *Richard* (a documentary of a visionary artist) are her kids. That the blue haired girl was her 14 year old daughter. Vanessa said, that her



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As this was going on, I daydreamed a little, the way you are apt to do when staring in a fire. I thought about my daughter and missed her. I wished she had came with me to see these movies. I asked her but she said she wanted to stay home to do homework in front of the TV.

If you see me, out and about these days, you probably will not know that I have a 14 year old daughter. Besides the fact that everyone seems to think I am a lot younger than I am, is the fact that she never goes anywhere with me. Mostly, it feels cool to be an independent woman again. I can go to a show or get into artistic activities and my daughter can take care of herself. I have no worries of that.

This is kind of the opposite of when she was young. She went everywhere with me. Even fell asleep on a bench at the local bar. Sang on stage at the 14 Karat Cabaret. Hung out at the bookstore. Bussed dishes on Sunday mornings when I waitressed at Gypsies. Went to parties. If I came home sick, it was with a child in my arms, running up 3 flights of stairs to barf in the sink. Went to the grocery store. Everywhere. It would take a special effort on my part, if I would do something alone. Some one else would have to take over. My mom was a significant person in her life and she would take her up to the country, when she was old enough—so I could have time to immerse myself in writing which is what I usually would want time alone for. Or for my mental health or for love or to feel free to take care of business. But mostly, my daughter was always there: on long car trips, waiting in line, in the middle of the night, always with me. It was a rare and preciously bought thing to have time to myself.

I would have liked more help with her. One of the main reasons I took her

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The Future Generation

My thoughts on lucky bums, kicking ass, and raising teens.

I recently got to see a bunch of films made by the Oregon Department of Kick Ass on their Lucky Bum Film tour. Well, it is these two film-makers traveling across America on a dyi tour to show their wares. I am very partial to tours like that. It is kinda like the circus is in town. Maybe when the next zine tour comes to town I will run away with them. Anyway... It was great!

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In my search for understanding, and because I feel sometimes I am going where no one much has gone before, with my parenting style – I have looked for books written by people who were raised with similar values as I am raising my daughter. In this way, I could see the outcome and maybe learn something. There are just starting to be a generation that is speaking out, raised by hippie parents, which I do not think of myself as a hippie but oh well, some of it is close enough.

Frank Zappa didn't consider himself a hippie either, I think he was pretty cool. In *Wild Child - girlhood's in the counterculture* (Seal Press); his adult daughter, Moon Unit Zappa writes a foreword that is terribly interesting. After describing the coolness and weird shit of her home life, she says it left her with "an awful floating feeling, of too much space, too many choices". That "she craved rituals and rules like her friends had". "Prayed for curfews and strictly enforced meal times."

I think, what child doesn't get left with some awful floating feeling. I didn't know what the hell to do with myself and felt lost as hell, trying to grow up. I wished my parents had given me a whole boat load of things so I would then feel better. Meal times and rules seemed to choke us all with gray dull mechanical senselessness. My point is children have to go seek what they didn't get at home. These days, almost any child is going to feel a lack, an anger, and a lostness. Later, you will appreciate the good things you did get, if your home-life was half decent. So I think the typical home-life kid would like some of the freak parents home life and vice a versa. But the big thing I see, in reading the stories in this book and in another book called *Pagan Time*, by Micah Perks – is kinda scary to me. It is that we parents, we adults have our eyes full of our mind projections, our belief systems, hopes, dreams, delusions, ideals – while our children are sitting in the dust of our old farmhouses. I mean kids just see what is really there at the moment. They see the dirt and lack of food where an adult might see freedom and romance. And if the home is loving, safe and stable enough – the child sees it all in a good light too. If not, then, well, the child does not. Its weird, these stories seem slightly on the negative side, slightly like reporters from the mainstream ("I wanted to explore what hippie kids had learned about freedom from coming of age in an environment that valued it so highly yet may not have had considered all of its consequences"- Chelsea Cain), slightly like my own child's critical voice – for these voices are indeed the children of freaks, put between two worlds, there home-life and the straight-world. I hungrily ate the stories up. In the end, it seems families are all slightly the same, no matter how different. Everyone's family is a little bit crazy. Everyone (not just wild haired nekid child raised folks) has to "work through the lessons of their upbringing, its successes and failures". I think there are good families and bad families in every culture, in every subculture.

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collective members became involved in other projects that were much more effective politically, less time consuming with better results. I think it requires learning how to think outside of our small isolated boxes to learn how to interact with people who have different ideas. I believe that it is possible to have alliances between activists of all races, sexualities, ideas, but it requires a lot of work. Hopefully, if we really all want social change, we can try to learn ways of accepting differences to work towards common goals.

-merrydeath



My thoughts on lucky burns, kicking ass, and raising teens:

I recently got to see a bunch of films made by the Oregon Department of Kick Ass on their Lucky Burn Film tour. Well, it is these two film-makers traveling across America on a dyi tour to show their wares. I am very partial to tours like that. It is kinda like the circus is in town. Maybe when the next zine tour comes to town I will run away with them. Anyway... It was great!

home to do homework in front of the TV.

If you see me, out and about these days, you probably will not know that I have a 14 year old daughter. Besides the fact that everyone seems to think I am a lot younger than I am, is the fact that she never goes anywhere with me. Mostly, it feels cool to be an independent woman again. I can go to a show or get into artistic activities and my daughter can take care of herself, I have no worries of that.

This is kind of the opposite of when she was young. She went everywhere with me. Even fell asleep on a bench at the local bar. Sang on stage at the 14 Karat Cabaret. Hung out at the bookstore. Bussed dishes on Sunday mornings when I waitressed at Gypsies. Went to parties. If I came home sick, it was with a child in my arms, running up 3 flights of stairs to barf in the sink. Went to the grocery store. Everywhere. It would take a special effort on my part, if I would do something alone. Some one else would have to take over. My mom was a significant person in her life and she would take her up to the country, when she was old enough - so I could have time to immerse myself in writing which is what I usually would want time alone for. Or for my mental health or for love or to feel free or to take care of business. But mostly, my daughter was always there: on long car trips, waiting in line, in the middle of the night, always with me. It was a rare and preciously bought thing to have time to myself.

I would have liked more help with her. One of the main reasons I took her everywhere with me was that I thought it was important that my daughter get culture and not be put in a Barney ghetto. I wanted her to see the things that inspired me, that was the counterculture. Music, social events, art and adventures on the sea shore. It was important to me, to show her what was beautiful in life. I felt completely right in integrating the world around me with some non ageism - children should be allowed out of the playgrounds, schools and play pens. I would take her to cafe's to break our solitary confinement at home. When

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supposed to come later, but did. Of course they did." - says Ariel Gore. She cracks me up. She writes next in her essay in *Wild Child*: "Still I was never nostalgic for the hopes in that poetry. I didn't miss communal living and talk of non-violent revolutions. I never did like the anarchist's free school." Ha ha - how like my daughter.

Our kids seem to be so much the pragmatists. And we parents, the books we write like *Spiritual Midwifery*, *Summer Hill*, and *The Children of the Future Generation*, are so full of hope for a brave new much improved world, we get carried away, stars in our eyes. Utopian hunters with there crazy ironic fates waiting. "First Chasidim, then socialists, then beatniks, then hippies, now feminists, lesbians, reconstructionist Jews — my mother's family has always been swept away with the newest possibility of making the world a little sweeter". — *Pagan time*.

While the books our kids write, tend to show how we parents are full of shit. I would have liked to read more stories of kids raised by hippies that didn't have any junkies, asshole dads or molesters in it - as I think my life in the subculture has not placed my daughter's life in the hands of junkies, asshole dads or molesters. But if you think about it, few stories written about peoples childhoods are ever happy stories. Who wants to write or read a happy story? You just live the happy times and feel less compelled to write about them. A troubled coming of age story is always a good read. *Little Miss Strange* by Joanna Rose is a really good read. *Pagan Time* was set in the freedom of hippies in nature led by a strange personality - where *Little Miss Strange* takes place is in the city of Denver and for the most part is full of the "cool things and weird shit" that is the subculture viewed from a kids eyes. It also deals with fucked up issues that could happen to a girl growing up anywhere. Although it was in a way sad, I really liked it. I liked the protagonist of the story, a lot. I could totally see how aspects of either of these books could be punk rock - if we are escaping to the good life out in the country or living in town.

I know, in real life, I have known people that have been said to have their shit more together, OR to be more messed up—because their parents were hippies. Mostly its a mix—in working out your childhood and trying to understand your parents as people - you figure yourself out more, the good and the bad.

I can't say that I really learned anything from these books, about how to raise my kid. I would say there is no perfect way to parent. Perfect punk parenting, just like a perfect Christian raised upbringing - is not going to guarantee you anything. Neither is a middle class life in the suburbs. Just do what you think is right.

And for all of us, following our hearts and kicking ass, I say - Keep your eyes open, Trade stories and Share the experience. Yours for the daily revolution as the earth moves around the sun and the seasons come and go.

— China

P.S. You can check out more about Vanessa Renwick's and Bill Daniel's work on PeripheralProduce.com. I looked at stuff from Bill's older project: Texas Skatepunk Scrapbook and it was very cool.

vegan action

Someone asked me once, "What if you were on your way to a city council meeting to make the deciding vote to end factory farming in your city and you passed a dog that had just been hit by a car. Do you stop for the dog or get to the meeting one time?" I know about these never likely, hypothetical questions and often find them to be intriguing. In fact, almost every time I'm leafleting, someone asks me the old, "If you were stranded on an island with a cow would you eat it?" question a lot. It is a way for people to find out your views in a less straightforward but more comfortable approach I guess.

So, the dog question. I think about it for a few minutes but really I immediately decided what I would do as soon as I visualized the scenario. Sadly, I have come to second guess my immediate reactions a lot of the time as they are usually emotion based and sometimes not very logical. Society has been telling me that strong women resist their emotional urges and try to be more logical (read as more like men).

And so I struggle with my brain and my emotions regularly in this way.

activists, lefties, etc. The folks that are being reactive and not proactive, the people being an activist and not thinking as an activist. I'm realizing that many of us are swallowing radical propaganda the same way everyone else believes the mainstream propaganda. We're basing our notions on someone else's or some groups belief system and failing to develop our own. It makes us just as fooled as the average person living in america reading the Washington post. We end up following the rules dictated by our minority group.

So, we are really only fighting half of the battle, if fighting for revolution and change is what we are trying to do. We have more impact on the people we come across everyday than we could have with strangers even if we protested, demonstrated and leafleted every day. We really need to focus on revolutionizing ourselves.

We spend so much time being reactive that we forget about ourselves. We need to educate ourselves constantly and not be afraid to follow our emotions. We need to do the right things for the right reasons. And not fail to do something because no one else is doing it or because someone else eventually will.

I have been constantly wondering, for years and years, why people 'sell out' and drop out of things they were once so passionate about. Why they feel defeated and give up. I've realized the most common reason is that they never understood what they were working towards or what they were fighting for. How could you expect to last if you don't really know why you're doing what you do? If you honestly understand and believe in your own ideas you are going to stand behind them until the end, whatever they may be and however they might evolve. We can never be revolutionaries as long as we are working for someone else's goals and ideals. As long as we don't know why—we can't give it everything we have. We are all revolutionaries in some way or other and as long as we can understand and explain why, we have solid ground to work from. Thanks. Xoxo-krissi. p.o. box 4288 richmond, va 23220 krissi@vegan.org.

Suggested reading:

The Declaration of Independence, A Cross-Examination of American Ideology, Howard Zinn.

The Doors of Perception, Aldous Huxley.

Practical Ethics, Peter Singer.

Why We Can't Wait, Martin Luther King Jr.

Living My Life, Emma Goldman.

VEGAN BREAKFAST RULES!

French Toast: 8 slices french or some thick bread, 1 cup soy milk, 2 tbsp flour, 1 tsp sugar, 1 tsp corn starch, 1 tbsp nutritional yeast, 1/2 tsp salt, dash of cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix it all together with a fork really well, no lumps. Dip that bread in and fry it up good. You have to use real maple syrup on this, no crap syrup. It is so good. Vegan Sausage: Steam 1 package of tempeh for 15 minutes. Cool, grate and mix in 2 tbsp flour, 2 tbsp oil, 2 tbsp soy sauce, 2 tbsp warm water, 1/2 tsp. of sage, marjoram, thyme, cumin, caraway seed, rubbed sage, black pepper, salt, red pepper flakes and garlic powder or 2 cloves minced garlic. Press into patties and fry them up until brown. Enjoy!

DON'T HAVE A COW #1 cookzine by John Johnson. I'm adding this to my suggested vegan cookzine list for sure. (see the review section for a review of this new cookzine)



Krupnik is good for me, inspiring, a good influence, a good mind to bounce ideas off of. So I went all the way to California to hangout with Krupnik and it was good. We were trying to figure out how long we have known each other, is it 8 or 9 years—whatever, the point is that we are friends. Actually closer than that, like brothers, cause as good friends as we are we can't make it a day without getting into some argument or another. Sometimes it is over little things like I washed a plate the "wrong" way, or sometimes it is over an ideological difference where we argue for hours, both of us searching for references to prove we are right. Once I was even late for a date because we were arguing one idea, and neither Krupnik nor me would let the other get the last word in. He even chased me down the Batcave driveway with a counterpoint - so of course I had to stop my bike on Genoa to yell one last thing. Later, after explaining to my date the reason for my tardiness, she commented we were both kind of strange.

Yeah, I have the feeling that Krupnik will never really leave my life, which is both comforting, and even kind of annoying, but in a good way. See one reason

I like Krupnik is that he is arrogant, in a similar way as I am and often arguments I have with myself can transcend to our conversations.

We were talking about a group of people we know in Europe. They live in a small city, have a couple squats, collect the dole, and spend their days smoking hash, drinking and then wandering from one punkfest to another across the continent. I am kind of fascinated with them, living a simple life, which seems to make them happy. Krupnik has a low, judgmental opinion of the same group - "They are wasteoids, they do nothing." Now as soon as he said that I jumped back at him - "Now who are you to make that sort of judgment? Fuck, at least they have accepted life in the 21st century and are making the best out of it. They may live to party, but they are accomplishing their goals. How can you say that your, or my life is any more valid than theirs, just because we dedicated so much time and energy to

our 'changing the world goals'. Fuck, if I could spend my days sitting in the sun being stoned - I would probably sleep a lot better."

Krupnik had a response, one that I predicted, and it went along the lines of "no white western person should have the privilege to be apathetic. By being apathetic they are only making things worse. It is their duty to do something." Now this is where I had the problem, the idea of duty. I wrote in last issue about how much I dislike the 'bearing the cross' reasoning for working on social change.

Duty—duty, fuck that shit. I don't do what I do out of a sense of duty. I do what I do because, because, because shit is fucked and it takes away my sleep at night, and I want my sleep. I want my life, and I am tired of feeling powerless in this society, and I can't sit back and do nothing while things keep getting worse and worse! It is driving me crazy, because it seems like everyday I am reading the paper and everyday I am shouting at the wall—and I can even sit in the sun content.

OK I got a question for you all — Do you even wake up thinking "This whole system is fucked?" Your trying to operate the coffee maker, but you can't rid your mind of this basic idea. Then when you see your partner or roommate, you just want to tell them this. You have big, complex thoughts with detailed analysis of the current worldwide political/social situation—of how capitalism has brought on alienation etc. but the only words that come out of your mouth are "This whole system is fucked, it's all—fucked." Do you ever have mornings like that? Good, then I guess I am not alone.

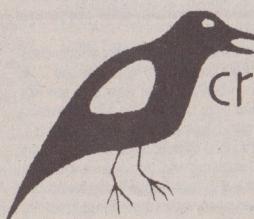
But what to do about it?

Mike Antipathy brought up a really good point about the state of punk and what it means to him last issue... Yea, another fanzine filled with record adds, but what I want to know is how to get clean solar panels. Yea, I know about heroes and egos with armor, than looking deeper into the mysteries that surround all of our lives. We build armories to keep the real questions

which basically makes it illegal for homeless people to be in ANY public space—with all this going on I listened to a conversation about how there was no steady place for hardcore shows. Yes I know that is important—but at the time, to me, it seemed to be the least of the problems in this town. Awww.

I don't know what I am getting at... I just want more. I am sick of sloganizing, tired of seeing blanket statements, and I want real change. Yes, I know sloganizing has its place - but I don't want another band to yell "fuck the System" because every time I hear it I think "thanks Captain obvious, but what about real change?" I even think this in response to my own thoughts. But what to do? How do we make real change, in our own, in our neighbors, in our friends lives? How do we break the alienation that capitalism has forced upon us. Once again I am not giving answers, but posing questions. What can we do to make our lives worth living? How can we not fall into the grasp of apathy? How do we make the best out of a fucked up situation without driving ourselves insane in the process? Got any answers - drop me a line.

—Mike Straight - straight@defenestrator.org



By, Carolyn

On one hike in the mountains outside of Bergen, Norway, I came across a clear, cold mountain lake. The sun glistened off the surface in a way that looked almost magical, like some mythological creature called that water home. I wanted to touch it, so I dipped in my hand. Then I wanted to feel the cold water on my feet. I took off my boots and waded in. I looked around, threw my skirt, my shirt, and my underwear, and dove in. All material concerns dissolved as my head broke the calm surface and I was filled with total joy and invigoration. As I popped my head out of the water, I gazed at the mountains and trees around me. I was home.

I continued my hike through the woods and over the rocky hills, stopping a couple times to let some sheep pass by. Beds of lush green moss covered the forest floor and the smell of the pines energized my every cell. My body felt pulled to the earth, craving to be absorbed like a lost child in her mother's arms. Every leaf, every berry, every molecule of oxygen was so perfect. And actually, I cried. At that instant I wanted nothing more than to heal the separation between my flesh and the earth's, my tears and the running rivers. It was like some primordial memory rooted in my cells awoke, like I glimpsed the memory of our origins, before the separation.

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While the books our kids write, tend to show how we parents are full of shit. I would have liked to read more stories of kids raised by hippies that didn't have any junkies, asshole dads or molesters in it - as I think my life in the subculture has not placed my daughter's life in the hands of junkies, asshole dads or molesters. But if you think about it, few stories written about peoples childhoods are ever happy stories. Who wants to write or read a happy story? You just live the happy times and feel less compelled to write about them. A troubled coming of age story is always a good read. *Little Miss Strange* by Joanna Rose is a really good read. *Pagan Time* was set in the freedom of hippies in nature led by a strange personality - where *Little Miss Strange* takes place is in the city of Denver and for the most part is full of the "cool things and weird shit" that is the subculture viewed from a kids eyes. It also deals with fucked up issues that could happen to a girl growing up anywhere. Although it was in a way sad, I really liked it. I liked the protagonist of the story, a lot. I could totally see how aspects of either of these books could be punk rock - if we are escaping to the good life out in the country or living in town.

I know, in real life, I have known people that have been said to have their shit more together, OR to be more messed up—because their parents were hippies. Mostly its a mix—in working out your childhood and trying to understand your parents as people - you figure yourself out more, the good and the bad.

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And for all of us, following our hearts and kicking ass. I say - Keep your eyes open, Trade stories and Share the experience. Yours for the daily revolution as the earth moves around the sun and the seasons come and go — China

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strated and leafleted every day. We really need to focus on revolutionizing ourselves.

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I have been constantly wondering, for years and years, why people 'sell out' and drop out of things they were once so passionate about. Why they feel defeated and give up. I've realized the most common reason is that they never understood what they were working towards or what they were fighting for. How could you expect to last if you don't really know why you're doing what you do? If you honestly understand and believe in your own ideas you are going to stand behind them until the end, whatever they may be and however they might evolve. We can never be revolutionaries as long as we are working for someone else's goals and ideals. As long as we don't know why - we can't give it everything we have. We are all revolutionaries in some way or other and as long as we can understand and explain why, we have solid ground to work from. Thanks. Xoxo-kissi. p.o. box 4288 richmond, va 23220 kissi@vegan.org.

Suggested reading:

The Declaration of Independence, A Cross-Examination of American Ideology, Howard Zinn.

The Doors of Perception, Aldous Huxley, Practical Ethics, Peter Singer.

Why We Can't Wait, Martin Luther King Jr. Living My Life, Emma Goldman.

art by Merry Death

VEGAN BREAKFAST RULES! French

Toast: 8 slices french or some thick bread, 1 cup soy milk, 2 tbsp flour, 1 tsp sugar, 1 tsp corn starch, 1 tbsp nutritional yeast, 1/2 tsp salt, dash of cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix it all together with a fork really well, no lumps. Dip that bread in and fry it up good. You have to use real maple syrup on this, no crap syrup. It is so good. Vegan Sausage: Steam 1 package of tempeh for 15 minutes. Cool, grate and mix in 2 tbsp flour, 2 tbsp oil, 2 tbsp soy sauce, 2 tbsp warm water, 1/2 tsp of sage, marjoram, thyme, cumin, caraway seed, rubbed sage, black pepper, salt, red pepper flakes and garlic powder or 2 cloves minced garlic. Press into patties and fry them up until brown. Enjoy!

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Batcave driveway with a counterpoint - so of course I had to stop my bike on Genoa to yell one last thing. Later, after explaining to my date the reason for my tardiness, she commented we were both kind of strange.

Yeah, I have the feeling that Krupnik will never really leave my life, which is both comforting, and even kind of annoying, but in a good way. See one reason

I like Krupnik is that he is arrogant, in a similar way as I am and often arguments I have with myself can transcend to our conversations.

We were talking about a group of people we know in Europe. They live in a small city, have a couple squats, collect the dole, and spend their days smoking hash, drinking and then wandering from one punkfest to another across the continent. I am kind of fascinated with them, living a simple life, which seems to make them happy. Krupnik has a low, judgmental opinion of the same group - "They are wasteoids, they do nothing." Now as soon as he said that I jumped back at him - "Now who are you to make that sort of judgment? Fuck, at least they have accepted life in the 21st century and are making the best out of it. They may live to party, but they are accomplishing their goals. How can you say that your, or my life is any more valid than theirs, just because we dedicated so much time and energy to

our 'changing the world goals'. Fuck, if I could spend my days sitting in the sun being stoned—I would probably sleep a lot better."

Krupnik had a response, one that I predicted, and it went along the lines of "no white western person should have the privilege to be apathetic. By being apathetic they are only making things worse. It is their duty to do something." Now this is where I had the problem, the idea of duty. I wrote in last issue about how much I dislike the 'bearing the cross' reasoning for working on social change.

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—Mike Straight - straight@defenestrator.org



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themselves, and believing that just as Rome fell, so too can our present systems.

I want to run away into the mountains or stow away on a boat to Scandinavia when modernity seems so cruel and harsh. I search for endless miles, but really I can't get anywhere; there is no reservoir for pain that exists outside this skin. All I can do is remember the peace and connection I felt in Norway. While there, I realized how truly vast and powerful the planet is. I felt connected to the earth and to my visions of a better world, which seemed manifested all around me. Perhaps most importantly, I realized that the future is not set in stone. Really anything can happen. But we must not willingly forfeit sovereignty over our lives. We must resist the indoctrination of fear and submission. This life is the only life you have. Do you want to look back from your deathbed and see your life played back as one long, dehumanizing campaign for the system?

—Carolyn

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NOTHING LIKE PAIN

"When you're looking at pain — you're looking at truth
Nothing like pain to make us all the same..." The Gits

Excerpt from an email I wrote to this 18 year old just out of the psych ward, diagnosed bipolar like me, who wrote after reading a piece I had in the San Francisco Bay Guardian last week (You can check out the piece if you have web access at: <http://www.sfbg.com/life/sep02/bipolar.html>):

"So the drugs aren't evil. No really, I swear. It all has to do with harnessing energy, holding onto it, and letting it out when you want — not letting the brilliance you have block out the sun and send you over to the other side. Psychosis is like catching on fire and just letting yourself burn. It leaves scars. And at some point it becomes harder and harder to put the pieces back together. Having control over your powers is going to become more and more important as you get older, and less and less easy to do. Trust me on that one. There are lots of different places in your brain that don't always need to talk to each other. It's okay to forget things sometimes, even for decades. Just let them rest. Don't try to hold on to all those amazing images and thoughts and plans if you feel them slipping, they'll come back when you need them, when you're ready to handle them. It doesn't all have to make sense right now. I guarantee you'll understand it all more later on. And this is the most important thing I'll tell you: you need to get enough sleep, okay? Even though that edge space of night and day is where most of the good stuff happens, you can't be there all the time. Not everyone can do what you do, but you gotta save all that ability for when you really need it. That's where the Zyprexa they're giving you comes in. If you want to get scientific about it, Zyprexa or olanzapine dulls the dopamine receptors in your brain, keeps them from firing out of control, because people like us have too much too fast going on. We overheat and catch on fire. We see too much and take in too much until we're blind and burnt out. Zyprexa itself isn't evil. The company that makes it definitely is, but the drugs are just tools. If you catch it early enough they say you can do the same thing with meditation and yoga and tai chi and herbs. But I know for myself that I can take all the valeren and skullcap and California poppy and kava kava and blue vervaine I can stomach and I'm still clawing at the walls and wandering the late night streets. I take 2.5mg of Zyprexa when I can't sleep sometimes and it knocks me on my ass. Which is just what I need periodically to get me back on track. Sweet sleep, brings me back down to earth speed. Which is really important to be able to do if you want to make your way around this world."

I've been answering a lot of mail these days. Call me crazy but I get this eerie yet very cool feeling sometimes that I'm time jumping and writing to myself in some parallel universe, counselling and warning my other self so that I don't make the same dumb mistakes over and over again. Amidst all the chaos during the times I've slipped into extreme delusional mania, I've always had this incredibly peaceful feeling of being the same person as everyone else in the whole world — that we were all just reflections of each other living in some kind of dreamtime that our collective self had created.

I still catch glimpses of that unity in my daily life now that I'm just a regular civilian and get enough sleep at night. There are these certain things that bond us all together, one of them being tragedy and pain. It amazes me when I stop and think about how much of huge effect our friend Sera's suicide back in January has had on our greater community. Amazes me how much the dialog

society's crap and what's our own, and when the lines are too hard to draw? And if the language that we use to talk about mental illness in our culture doesn't capture what so many of us go through and leaves us feeling disempowered, how do we go about writing a new language that works for us?

We finally had our first DIY Mental Health Workshop at the Skillshare in Berkeley last week and there were close to forty people who showed up and participated. I gotta say it left me feeling so inspired. Here was the flyer text me and Elizabeth and Nishanga wrote and got around:

WALKING THE EDGE OF INSANITY: NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF MENTAL HEALTH AS A RADICAL IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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I like reading about different teaching philosophies/strategies. Sometimes this is out of sheer frustration, like when I am trying to explain something to my son and he doesn't understand. I never think my son is incapable of understanding a concept, I know that it is just a matter of me finding the right way to approach

so on. And while these kids were setting about educating themselves in their community, they captured bits and pieces of oral history regarding a way of life that may have been lost after the old timers died.

The magazine still exists today, as it proved very successful in a few ways. Those kids did learn their basic English skills (plus so much more), and people everywhere loved the magazine. As it became obvious that it was a great teaching tool and a desirable product, Foxfire began branching out in several different areas. The magazine articles were compiled into books that now make up twenty volumes, plus other specialty books were compiled on a variety of different subjects. A non-profit umbrella organization called the Foxfire Fund was started, which promotes the magazine and books, created and operates a museum, and developed the original program developed into a method that teachers and schools could implement—the Foxfire Approach to Teaching and Learning. This includes teaching programs and materials that are now used in public and private schools all over the country.

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NOTHING LIKE PAIN

"When you're looking at pain—you're looking at truth
Nothing like pain to make us all the same..." The Gits

Excerpt from an email I wrote to this 18 year old just out of the psych ward, diagnosed bipolar like me, who wrote after reading a piece I had in the San Francisco Bay Guardian last week (You can check out the piece if you have web access at: <http://www.sfbg.com/fi/sept02/bipolar.html>):

"So the drugs aren't evil. No really, I swear. It all has to do with harnessing energy, holding onto it, and letting it out when you want — not letting the brilliance you have block out the sun and send you over to the other side. Psychosis is like catching on fire and just letting yourself burn. It leaves scars. And at some point it becomes harder and harder to put the pieces back together. Having control over your powers is going to become more and more important as you get older, and less and less easy to do. Trust me on that one. There are lots of different places in your brain that don't always need to talk to each other. It's okay to forget things sometimes, even for decades. Just let them rest. Don't try to hold on to all those amazing images and thoughts and plans if you feel them slipping, they'll come back when you need them, when you're ready to handle them. It doesn't all have to make sense right now, I guarantee you'll understand it all more later on. And this is the most important thing I'll tell you: you need to get enough sleep, okay? Even though that edge space of night and day is where most of the good stuff happens, you can't be there all the time. Not everyone can do what you do, but you gotta save all that ability for when you really need it. That's where the Zyprexa they're giving you comes in. If you want to get scientific about it, Zyprexa or olanzapine dulls the dopamine receptors in your brain, keeps them from firing out of control, because people like us have too much too fast going on. We overheat and catch on fire. We see too much and take in too much until we're blind and burnt out. Zyprexa itself isn't evil. The company that makes it definitely is, but the drugs are just tools. If you catch it early enough they say you can do the same thing with meditation and yoga and tai chi and herbs. But I know for myself that I can take all the valerian and skullcap and California poppy and kava kava and blue vervain I can stomach and I'm still clawing at the walls and wandering the late night streets. I take 2.5mg of Zyprexa when I can't sleep sometimes and it knocks me on my ass. Which is just what I need periodically to get me back on track. Sweet sleep, brings me back down to earth speed. Which is really important to be able to do if you want to make your way around this world."

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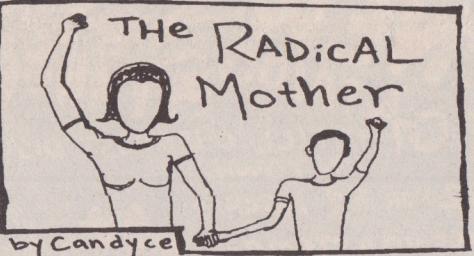
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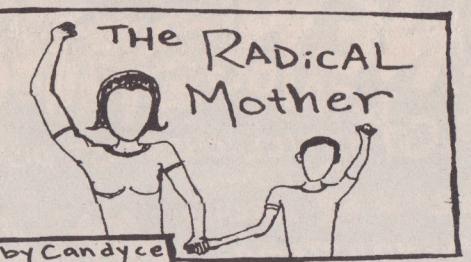
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One subject I came across a year or two back in my reading, and keep returning to, is the *Foxfire Approach to Teaching and Learning*. It is exactly what it says it is, an "approach" to education, a lot of ideas and not a curriculum. The amazing thing about *Foxfire*, though, is that the original idea had manifested in a lot of tangible ways—it has ceased to be just philosophy and has become a true working model for teaching and learning. Every time I come across something regarding *Foxfire*, I get excited about education—what it can really be—all over again.

The *Foxfire Approach to Teaching and Learning* started as an experimental education program in Appalachian Georgia in 1966 with the intention of teaching high school freshmen basic English skills. Students were given their objective and then were allowed to decide how they would approach the task. The students decided to produce a magazine that would document rural Appalachian life. And that is exactly what they did—through interviews with relatives, "old timers", and skilled craftspeople in the area, and by researching family and public records, they began producing a quarterly magazine called *Foxfire* that gained distribution all over the country.

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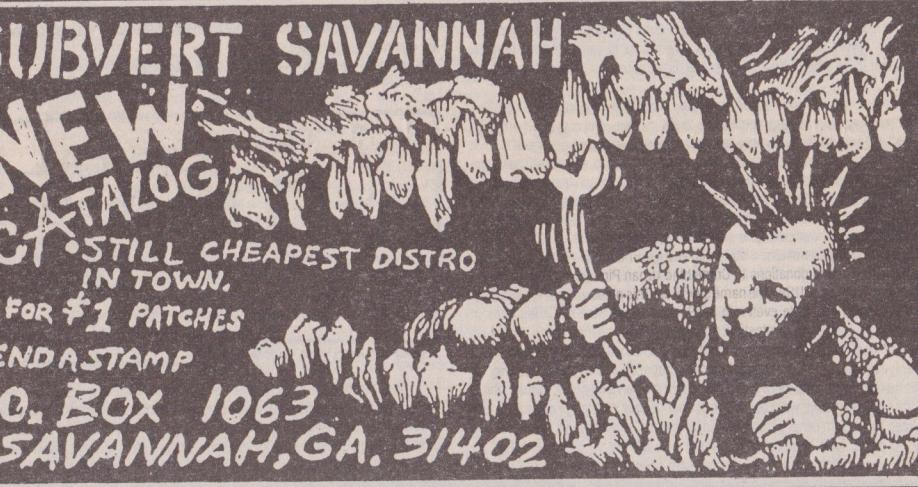
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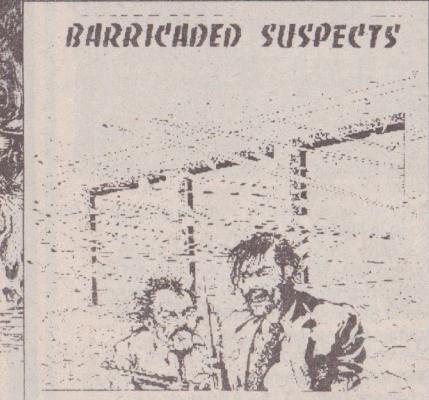
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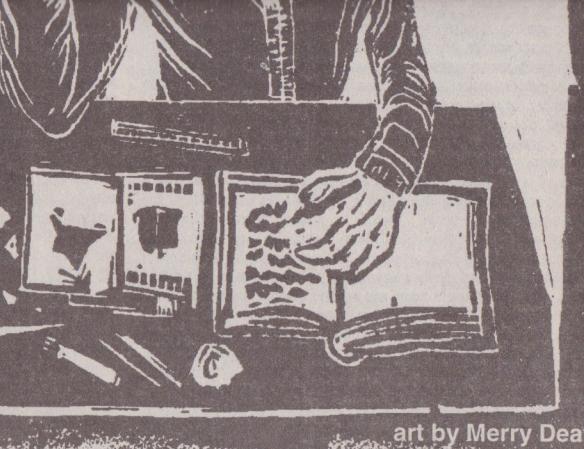
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art by Merry Death

action with a strong sense of nomadic living and getting down with the land. The format of this zine is a narrative story - broken up into chapters. Everything about this appealed to me and I got sucked in. The story weaves from past to present and at times you kinda forget that she is living on an island, squatting a barn while writing about living in Olympia and Nashville, in old-houses and busses. She writes about her family and where she comes from. She writes about her friends and lovers. She writes about the plants and animals and I think she is the only other person I have heard talk about having a crush on a tree. She writes about being crazy and about what it is to be crazy. What shines through is a real sense of individuality and a strong sense of self. She might fit in here and there and yet she is a free-spirit that is half-wild and won't be tamed. A dreamer. A visionary. And her writing and memoirs are deep, intense and full of wisdom. I can't speak highly enough of this zine - so you should just get a copy for yourself. If you have liked the writing of Sascha, Mike Antipathy, Sera Bilezikian to name only a few - you will feel right at home with Kika's zine too. (-Chris) ****

HELLO MY NAME IS RACHEL #4.0 (\$1/ trade/ vegan cookies/ 3269 25th St/ SF CA94110) Wow - this zine knocked me off kilter. It's slim appearance hides the bare emotions that jump out of the pages. Rachel hides nothing and lays all her instabilities out in this. She states that it's her way to wipe clean a slate. She wants to move past what is written in here. And I really hope this did help. She takes various negative sexual experiences from her past, pulls the one keystone statement from each and then using each as a headline, writes the story that hides behind each. Statements like "hey dude, let's rapé her" or "I can't believe you had sex with her! Rachel where's your dignity?" It's very powerful writing - things a lot of us would just try to bury in our minds and have torment us. (-Aprille)

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Rudheath, Northwich/Cheshire CD9 7EX UK) A small packet of mail art. I love mail art. The 1/4 size zine is a clip art project. This one is the 'special android and eccentric invention' issue. Lots of early century type artwork. Good for the eyes. There was also a lot of announcements for other mail art/sound art projects the editor is involved in, that sound interesting. (-Aprille)

D.I.Y. GUIDE II (donations/2695 Rangewood Dr./Atlanta GA 30345) Impressive looking pulpy halfsize zine. First off, I'm a sucker for do-it-yourself guides - even the time/life ones that fill every thrift store book rack. So, I'm a bit biased. Quite a bit covered in this - although it stays pretty n line with other 'punk focused' DIY guides. How to publish a zine, put out a record, recipe for herbal abortion, backpacking tips, dumpster diving, sewing, starting a food not bombs, protesting, changing the oil in your car, giving safety pin tattoos, how to make a plaster mold, and more. The writing is simple, to the point and the instructions are clear. And, unlike the bad string of photo copy fuck-ups I've seen plague other guides thru the years - this is beautifully printed - all very crisp and readable. It is put out by the Crimethinc folks, so there's a little bit of rhetoric dodging to be done. Burt over-all a good effort. (-Aprille)

D.I.Y. GUIDE II (send donations to Crimethinc Urban Pirates/PO Box 2133/Greensboro, NC 27402 USA) The name says it all. This guide will help you take back your life (and maybe even ruin it). Packed with how-to advice on an assortment of topics like, protesting, software piracy, (my personal favorite) building a quarter pipe, making a shoulder bag, changing the oil in your car, publishing a book, photography, safety-pin tattoos, and yes even an abortion. That's right with help of the D.I.Y. Guide you can give yourself an abortion, document the event with a picture, and publish a book on the subject... all by yourself, the D.I.Y. way. (-Ryan)

DIRTBAG #6 + #7 (\$1 each/Dave Kiersh/568 Grandview Ave #1, 2nd Fl/Ridgewood NY 11385) I was attracted to these comics with their simple, yet impractical nature of certain punk ideology. The text is a bit elementary and simple - this is no Shakespeare - but the concept behind it is well worth considering. (-Kyle)

FLAGBURNER #10 (\$3/cb Janne Nystrom/Eurantie 12A9/005500 Helsinki/Finland) "Punk rawk as fuck!" I was excited to see a new issue of Flagburner in my review bin! The format has now changed to half sized (which is a good thing) and is getting better each issue! I was happy to see Janne lived up to the name and included a match & mini paper Finnish flag to burn! This issue features Avaricious, Submission Hold, info on the Black Bloc, reviews and more. Solid issue. (-tfan)

FLOWERS I STOLE FROM GRAVES #1.2.3 (\$2/63 Park St./Erskineville, New South Wales/Australia 2043) Three 1/4 size zines that are solid little blocks of writing. The subtitle is "and other bullshit stories". And each issue features just that. Stream of consciousness stories from the editor's life. #1 covers his job, moving to a better house, his artwork and why he wants to jump into the big business art world and memories of a childhood hernia. #2 entails his battles with a mouse in his house, the joys of staying up all night, turning 21 and appreciating where his life's at. #3 tells of his stomach ulcer and forced sobriety, due to the medicine they give, him, more about his job, a brief chat with Haymaker, and his failed attempt to sneak into an art opening. (-Aprille)

FLYING PENGUINS #17 (\$2/liquidsx@bigfoot.com) This made me envision horrible college campuses filled with the warm glow of liberal students and the music that soundtracks it all. This is subtitled C:Y1, College: year one. It's part comic, part creative writing and part lists. The lists catalog - the editors favorite movies, an extensive bunch of tips for college go-ers, and a pile of biblical tidbits. There's a diary of the editors day-written hour by hour and a very short discussion of race issues (the editor is Chinese). Not much to interest me in here, and it's a peek into a kind of world I try not to think about. (-Aprille)

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John guides us through tales of punk shows, drinking in the park, traveling, working shitjobs as a disher, etc; however there's an honesty and passion here that I appreciate quite a bit. Documentary zines on all of the simple pleasures of all of the forgotten towns are too far and few in my estimation, here's to John and all of the others out there who carry on this great tradition. (-Greg Wells)

IMPACT PRESS #40 (free/postage) PMB 361, 10151 University Blvd., Orlando FL 32817) Good political newsrag. Articles about the privatization of schools, animal rights, and the growing resistance to corporate globalization. Light on the ideology and heavy on the details. I like it. But, while this is well-assembled and easy to understand and all, it doesn't exactly grab ya by the nuts. I'd recommend picking it up if you happen to notice a stack of them by the door where you work, which is what I did. (-Jim)

IT'S MY WORLD #1 (\$2) Jen/11 Ascot Cv/Welland/ON L3C 6K7 Canada) This is Jens first attempt at a personal zine. Overflowing with Japanese anime and cartoon stickers, it's definitely all about Jen. Her likes and dislikes, how a friends death was life changing, why she doesn't dress punk, how photographs enable her to remember her childhood, a list of personal confessions, quick summaries of her life philosophies and how being brought up Christian has molded her into a good kid. (-Aprille)

JINX #2 (\$50¢ or stamps) Casey R. 440 South Van Ness/San Francisco CA 94103 <jinxed77@hotmail.com>) This is a mini-1/4 sized zine that tells of some horror stories of traveling and is illustrated with lots of contact strips of photos. Casey gets stuck in Canada and misses a flight, due to missing a wake-up call. Then on the alternate plans, almost misses a second flight due to getting stuck at the border. Then on the Amtrak, the train hits a truck, causing not only further delay but also death. Ultimately Casey makes it home—but he makes some good points about how sometimes zines talk too much about travel and even glory always being somewhere else, rather than putting some time towards home and working towards making one place something special. The 3rd story in her is about finding an abandoned and very ill cat and how they bring her back to health. Through buses, trains and planes and back home again I enjoyed the stories which took on a different tone from the usual zine fair. (-Chris) Also check out **Polazine**, which is a used buyer's guide zine to Polaroid Cameras. Definitely not something that will appeal to the masses—but if you are into cameras, photography and finding cool old things that can be put to use—then you might want to check out this mini-zine which has a lot of good information for one on the quest for a decent used camera. Covering all of the cameras Polaroid has made—from the land camera to the I-zone— including tips on price and what it's good for and why it's good appeal. (-Chris)

JOURNAL SONG #5 (\$2) Journal Song/PO Box 3444/Portland OR 97208-3444 <journalsong@hotmail.com>) This is a great looking 1/4 sized zine with spray paint stencil artwork on the cover and lots of illustrations throughout the classic-typewriter text. It's a thick zine—96 pages. I didn't get off to a good start with this one as the writer slams Comets in a story at the beginning. But I kept on going, finding myself trying to identify the gender of the writer—which was kinda hard to do

—until there was mention of peeing off the porch. I kinda like it when you can't tell. It shouldn't matter—it doesn't matter—but it's a curious thing. The zine is basically made up into short chapter stories which cover a little bit of everything with in the personal vein from stories from the past, experiences in the every day, perspectives on political undercurrents, roommates, coffeeshops, shows, suburban couches, velcro shoes, and quite a bit more. Kinda emo at times. Kinda sad at others. I enjoyed it overall. (-Chris)

JOUZZA #4 (?/PL 264/33101 Tampere /Finland /www.sfu-records.com/jouzaa) Great looking zine, all in Finnish. This issue features articles and interviews with Manifesto Jukebox, Totuus, Legioona Teatteri, Vedattaja, Jumalan Ruoska, Pause, Karpaslenyysjat, plus more! I can't read Finnish, but this is a good source for some websites and contacts anyways. (-ifan)

KERBLOOM #37 July-Aug '02 (Artnoise/PO Box 3525/Oakland CA 94609) What is really cool about this small 1/4 sized zine is that it is all type-set by hand using an old-style letter press. It gives the text a very unique look that we seldom see in this day and age. The text tells the story of going to the Underground Publishing Conference in Bowling Green this past summer. (-Chris)

LADYLIKE #1 (\$2) Penny Collins/Megaphone Productions/PO Box 68939/Newton, Auckland/New Zealand) A collection of diary entries and a rant about the crappiness of work and the where and why of it. Which—interestingly enough, led her to quit her job the day after writing it. The journal writing ranges from her ever evolving thoughts on 'feminism', to being fascinated by the traveling mobiles bookmobile project in the U.S., being asked to do a zine

between friends. The Larceny side is a collection of thoughts about—camping with a friend, driving around a hometown, and having friends who aren't in the scene. The untitled other half is a continuous piece of writing about relationships. The what and how of her feelings about them. Quick read. (-Aprille)

LEAPFROG BIKE ZINE #8 (\$7/ 6163 Carrollton Ave/Indianapolis IN46220) A very orderly zine that revolves around bicycles. And that is one thing people can get very passionate about, their bikes. And that appeal makes this zine readable by a wide group of folks, not just punks. In this issue: several interesting columns, advice on mountain biking, reviews of other bike focused zines, books and websites, a look at Portland, Oregon's extreme bike friendliness, awesome interviews with Resource Revival (a group who reuses bike parts into jewelry, sculpture and furniture) and ReLoad (they hand sew custom messenger bags) and more. Another rockin' issue. (-Aprille)

LETS GET FREE (\$2 at PO Box 11331/Eugene, OR 97440) This is a collection of stories, articles and support work by and about imprisoned anarchist and eco defense activist, Jeffrey Free Luers. In June, 2000 Free and a friend set fire to 3 SUV's at a dealership in Oregon in opposition to global warming and ecological damage being wreaked by the auto industry. Free was caught and later convicted of 11 felony charges which landed him a whopping 23 year sentence in Salem, Oregon. There is a very engaging interview reprint from Earth First where Free talks at length about his actions, reflections and the use of clandestine activity. Also is a transcribed conversation he and fellow pp, Robert Thaxton had inside of the unit in Salem, ELF action reports, a touching letter from former prisoner and anarchist agitator Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin and a batch of support letters that were printed in the Eugene Weekly, the week after his conviction. A well rounded collection. (-Greg Wells)

Like Burning, and a few music and zine reviews. This zine seems to have a lot of potential, and a great deal of passion and energy behind it, that I think may blossom even more with further issues. The main problem I have is with the lack of editing. There were a decent amount of misspellings and grammatical errors, and it really distracted from the writing. (-Kyle)

LISTEN TO THIS #2+3 (\$2 each) Overground Distro/ PO Box 1661/Pensacola, FL 32597) This full size zine doesn't really jump out at you visually. Both issues state that four short stories are contained within. Which indeed leads you to four, divided by a little page, slivers of stories. No graphics, no fancy fonts. And the writing is excellent. When one and a half pages (the average length of the stories) can transport a reader so entirely in such a short space—it's amazing. The stories aren't action packed or heavy on drama. Just snippets into several different lives. The narration switches from male to female effortlessly. They are both vivid and bare. I wish there was more and hope Paula puts out some longer work. Recommended. (-Aprille)

LUCHA DIARIA FANZINE (Calle Rio Pilon #561/Cononia Jardines del Rio, Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon Mexico/CP 67115/Mexico) This one is a zine about anarcho punk and straight edge. Features interviews with Milkhouse, a history of Straight Edge, Globalization, torture, and quite a lot more that I can't translate as this is all in Spanish. Like Quid—this seems to be a positive zine combining punk, skating and politics. (-Chris)

MAC PARIADKA #1+2-2002 (c/o Trujaca Fal/PO Box 13/81 806 Sopot & Poland) To start with, this is a mag-a-zine that is all in Polish, which is kinda unfortunate for the rest of the world, cause this is an excellent zine. It's full sized, with a glossy cover (the format has changed) and the hc-punk section and focus has expanded so that rather than just an insert in the political zine, it's not half and half flipped upside down. Issue #1 of this year has interviews w/Leah, Segue, Zegota, DS-13, while the flipside has a big section of anti-globalization reports, writing from Hakim Bey, and quite a lot more I can't begin to translate. The second issue features Tragedy and Kungfu Rick.

While the flipside has an anarcho-feminism theme—which looks really awesome, plus the anti-globalization reports. And both punk sides have plenty of reviews. This is a great zine. If you read Polish—get a hold of it. (-Chris)

MAXIMUM ROCKN' ROLL (\$3ppd each/\$18 for 6 issue sub. for USA) I don't usually review MRR cause I figure everyone knows about it already. But in the recent past this "bible of punk rock" has only gotten better. So much so, that you might want to put aside any preconceived notions of what

this zine is or isn't—cause right now they are doing an excellent job of covering the global punk scene—and I think the bands they're interviewing are good and relevant and with each issue I find coverage of stuff that I like and am interested in. It's been pretty exciting. There's also the regular columns, loads of reviews, news, book and zine reviews and occasional articles and special features. And of course there are still loads of ads so you can find out what is what out there. My main point here is that MRR is vital and I think that it is better than ever right now. I never have time to even read through an issue before a new one (it's still monthly) arrives. I think a subscription is necessary! If you haven't looked in awhile, really, you should cause you might be in for a surprise. (-Chris)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOMELAND #8 (\$2.00ppd to David Lucander/PO Box

zine about the adventure of Vomit and Shiz the rat. There's no price listed, but postage will probably do. (-titan)

MTO, MITI, WATU, HAWA/ SO HUMAN AN ANIMAL #3 (Adam Brand/SHAA/PO Box 7024/Halcyon CA 93421) This is an account of time spent in Africa doing aid work. This all takes place in Tanzania. The zine reads like a book— one long narrative. But I gotta admit I had a bit of a hard time following the time-line. He suffers from a mild-case of Malaria, which keeps sending him back to doctors. Each section seems to start off with the malaria battle, and then delve into the various work projects being done. The other thing I found confusing was his relationship with the people there—as in how he knows them, who they were, and what they were doing in Africa. Presumably—they are all people who are there doing aid work. There just wasn't a lot of background. I also wondered a few times who the group was that they were working from—cause there isn't that much about them. So the story is a combination of Adam's experience—which is actually really challenging and frustrating—both because of the horrible living conditions he sees, because of the frustration with the slow progress of the work they are doing, as well as his own illness. But he tries to make the story about them, and consequently the majority of this is actually like a journal of what he sees. Aside from the criticisms I had (of what I didn't quite understand) I enjoyed this. It's not every day that I know someone who goes to Africa; and it's certainly not very often that someone goes to Africa and spends 3 months living in a village trying to help them store clean water and grow trees. There's no punk rock here, not even references, it's not about that. Ultimately Adam is eternally frustrated and sad, but also still really wants to be able to help, and I suspect that getting this story out is his way of trying to help for now. (-Chns)

MUJINGA #21+22 (\$2/1 euro/trade/Na Kobylce/102, Vsenory, 25231, Czech Republic) #21 is a crazy collection of brief interviews, articles, opinions, letters and a story. Info on shiatsu (tiger pressure healing), the interviews are all with various DJ mobile dance party folks, a selection from a diary of a visit to Israel and seeing the abuse of Palestinians first hand some artwork and more. #22 features info about protesters jailed in Long Beach, CA, notes on being vegan and vegetarian, star signs affecting the editors relationship with people, a quick look at the diet of cats, a fiction tale about a cat named Hitler, reviews and some other odd bits and pieces. Definitely an eclectic assortment. (-Aprille)

MYLXINE #16 (\$2.00ppd to Mylkine/309 N. 6th Ave./Pensacola, FL 32501 USA) This issue of Mylkine was a year in the making. A nice thick collection articles, essays, reviews, interviews, photographs, reprints, and reportage. Among other things you've got interviews with Thurston Moore and The Sissies. There are articles on Dorothy Parker, Paul Robeson, and the Haitian Revolution. The editor offers a lengthy, first hand account of his experience at the protests of Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. In addition, you'll find very personal discussion of racism. A nice collection—well worth the wait. (-Ryan)

NEGRITA #2 (\$1/ Overground Distro/PO Box 1661/Pensacola FL 32591) Even though it outwardly looks slapped together—I really like this. It overflows with Gloria's personality. All handwritten, she puts a lot of passion into her words. She writes about fasting—including her first thoughts of it being silly and then, only trying it out of competitiveness. In the end she learned quite a bit from the whole experience and has become closer to her body. Also stories about hitch-hiking, bumping into a reported sexual assaulter, tips on communication (listening), an example of female competitiveness interfering with a new friendship, some examples of stupid things people have said to her just based on her being Puerto Rican, and her love/hate relationship with underwear. I liked this. (-Aprille)

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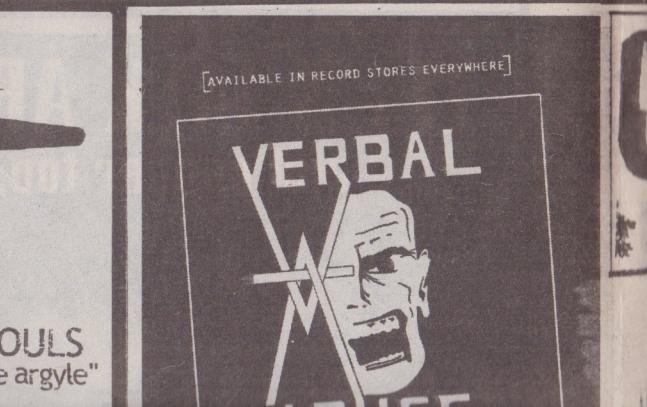
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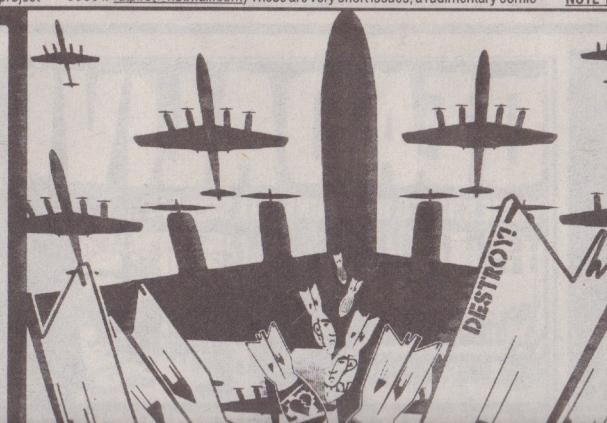
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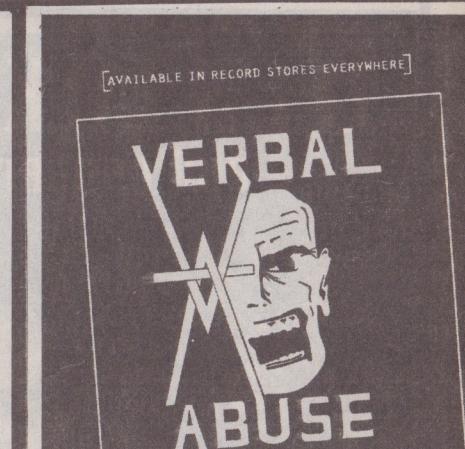
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MTO, MITI, WATU, HAWA/ SO HUMAN AN ANIMAL #3 (Adam Brandt/SHAA/ PO Box 7024/Halcyon CA 93421) This is an account of time spent in Africa doing aid work. This all takes place in Tanzania. The zine reads like a book - one long narrative. But I gotta admit I had a bit of a hard time following the time-line. He suffers from a mild-case of Malaria, which keeps sending him back to doctors. Each section seems to start off with the malaria battle, and then delve into the various work projects being done. The other thing I found confusing was his relationship with the people there - as in how he knows them, who they were, and what they were doing in Africa. Presumably - they are all people who are there doing aid work. There just wasn't a lot of background. I also wondered a few times who the group was that they were working from - cause there isn't that much about them. So the story is a combination of Adam's experience—which is actually really challenging and frustrating—both because of the horrible living conditions he sees, because of the frustration with the slow progress of the work they are doing, as well as his own illness. But he tries to make the story about them, and consequently the majority of this is actually like a journal of what he sees. Aside from the criticisms I had (of what I didn't quite understand) I enjoyed this. It's not every day that I know someone who goes to Africa, and it's certainly not very often that someone goes to Africa and spends 3 months living in a village trying to help them store clean water and grow trees. There's no punk rock here, not even references. It's not about that. Ultimately Adam is eternally frustrated and sad, but also still really wants to be able to help, and I suspect that getting this story out is his way of trying to help for now. (-Chris)

MUJINGA #21+22 (\$2/1 euro/trade/Na Kobylce/102, Vsenory, 25231, Czech Republic) #21 is a crazy collection of brief interviews, articles, opinions, letters and a story. Info on shiatsu (finger pressure healing), the interviews are all with various DJ mobile dance party folks, a selection from a diary of a visit to Israel and seeing the abuse of Palestinians first hand some artwork and more. #22 features info about protesters jailed in Long Beach, CA, notes on being vegan and vegetarian, star signs affecting the editors relationship with people, a quick look at the diet of cats, a fiction tale about a cat named Hitler, reviews and some other odd bits and pieces. Definitely an eclectic assortment. (-Aprille)

MYLXINE #16 (\$2.00pp) to Mylxine/ 309 N. 6th Ave./ Pensacola, FL 32501 USA) This issue of Mylxine was a year in the making. A nice thick collection articles, essays, reviews, interviews, photographs, reprints, and reportage. Among other things you've got interviews with Thurston Moore and The Sissies. There are articles on Dorothy Parker, Paul Robeson, and the Haitian Revolution. The editor offers a lengthy, first hand account of his experience at the protests of Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. In addition, you'll find very personal discussion of racism. A nice collection- well worth the wait. (-Ryan)

NEGRITA #2 (\$1/Overground Distro/ PO Box 1661/ Pensacola FL 32591) Even though it's outwardly looks slapped together - I really like this. It overflows with Gloria's personality. All handwritten, she puts a lot of passion into her words. She writes about tasting - including her first thoughts of it being silly and then, only trying it out of competitiveness. In the end she learned quite a bit from the whole experience and has become closer to her body. Also stories about hitch-hiking, bumping into a reported sexual assaulter, tips on communication (listening), an example of female competitiveness interfering with a new friendship, some examples of stupid things people have said to her just based on her being Puerto Rican, and her love/hate relationship with underwear. I liked this. (-Aprille)

NEUFUTUR #6 (\$1/trade/ James McQuiston/UB Box 6064/ 408 S. Locust St/ Greencastle IN 46135) At one point in this zine the editor mentions that in the past, his writing has been criticized for being too impersonal. And I would agree with him. Even after he throws in some "personal narrative" it just seems very rigid and reserved. The writing covers - a look at the ENDA (employee non-discrimination act), vague instructions for an electric bicycle, zine and music reviews, a warning about crazed Christian Jack Chick, recommendation to watch the movie 'Torch Song Trilogy' info about VCX (a network of feminist organizations with report to Planned Parenthood); a quick recollection of the underground publishing conference in Bowling Green and more. (-Aprille)

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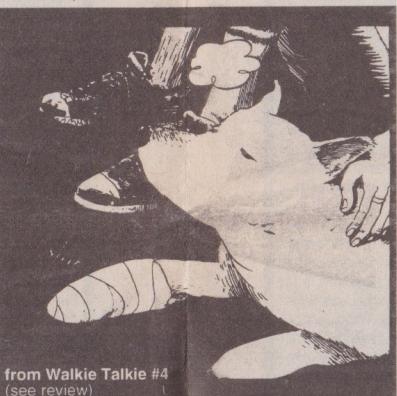
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32503) 1/4 size, 14 pgs. One little zine cut into 11 pieces with 5 piece intermission. Each piece is a story, in all, 16 stories that tell the life of Sarah Derelict. Love, feminism, friendship, hardship, travel, and punk rock. We follow little Sarah out her bedroom window and grown Sarah out of stagnation. This is interesting; reading this made me feel close to Sarah and despite the almost poetic writing I could really relate. (plus two points for using a typewriter) (-Davin)

NOTE TO PRISONERS #2/FINGER ON THE TRIGGER #4 (\$1/Sarah Derelict: 1214 N. 7th Ave Pensacola, FL, 32503) 1/4 size, 32 pgs. Welcome to a wicked tough N.T.P. #2. This is the "don't try me issue". Four of the ten images in this zine include weapons. Woah. Sarah Derelict's triumphant return includes stories of sexual harassment, rape, and unfuckingapologetic feminist retaliation. She rules. I think that every womyn can relate to her stories, and maybe some of us can get inspired by her take-no-shit attitude. F.O.T.T. #4 was written by Sarah's friend, Adee. She tells us stories of how people have "tried" her, including a heart-wrenching tale of her 6th birthday and a chocolate cake. She writes about getting fucked with because of the color of her skin, being a womyn of color in punk rock, and the book "Remembering Jim Crow" rocks. She includes some samples of the aforementioned book; one upsetting story about black girls getting harassed by cops, and one inspiring story of one black womyn's resistance. I really super enjoyed this split zine. It got me so pumped that I wanted someone to mess with me so that I could fuck 'em up Sarah and Adee style. (-Davin)

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PAPING #6 (\$3/60 St. Marks #4/NYC NY 10003) This became a favorite the first issue I saw, and now, issue #6 just cements it in my list of favorites. Beautiful cover art - a cut down file

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PLASTIC BOMB #39 (sum 02) (Plastic Bomb/ Postfach 100205/ 47002 Duisburg <info@plastic-bomb.de>) This is a huge German punk zine, printed on glossy paper, and it comes with a CD. Some of the bands covered are International Noise Conspiracy, Diavolo Rosso, Terrorgruppe, Attaque, plus Impact And Wolverine Records. There are loads of reviews, a mailorder and quite a bit more. It's all in German. (-Chris)

POET'S GROOVE #10. 8 SHORT DANCES (\$7/ S. Sebastian Petsu/ 4811 Springfield Ave/Philadelphia, PA 19143 <sebastianpetsu@yahoo.com>) This is a collection of 8 short pieces of really great writing - 7 short stories and 1 poem. I can't really tell if this is fiction or not, but the stories all have the feeling that they very well could have come directly from the life of the writer. It's kind of rare to come across decent literary work in zines that actually can manage to hold my attention for any length of time, but this particular zine far surpassed my expectations. It's got great writing that flows seamlessly as stories are told of every day life, love, sex, the coming and going of relationships, and going to shows, mostly set in the city of Philadelphia. This is some wonderful work, and really stands out above the rest in the world of zines. (-Kyle)

PRINCIPAL IDEAL #2 (\$2/trade/ Matt Young/ 19 South 1st Ave., Apt. #2/ Highland Park NJ 08904) This is a story about a trip to Egypt and it reads like a book. 68 pages tells the story of Matt and friend J. who travel to visit some family members and then have their own adventures. They take in some of the sights and Matt shares a bit of history on the landmarks and such. But they definitely don't stick to the tourist routes and they wind up meeting quite a few characters. The Egyptians seem to be really nice people, but Matt & J are continually meeting people trying to sell them something in a round-a-bout manner. No punks in Egypt they determine. But they have quite a good time, despite the heat and the difficulties of drinking foreign water (and lots of it) when toilets are hard to come by. Matt's got an upbeat writing style and tells a good story. It's serious and yet lighthearted enough. It has to be considering he manages to bring quite a few of his stories around to Guns and Roses. He also manages to make fun of himself while also putting himself on the back for his smarts and good sense. Anyway, I thoroughly enjoyed this one. I love zines that tell one continuous story that holds you attention, and takes you on an adventure that you would unlikely experience otherwise. (-Chris)

PROPER GANDER #34 (6 issue sub \$10/PO Box 434/ San Marcos, TX 78667) Newspaper filled with assorted comics, artwork, a tale of one man phone conversations, tons of local ads, and a few zine recommendations. It's a good, quick zine to get through when you're waiting for food. (-Aprille)

PUNKS BEFORE PROFITS #12 (\$7/ punksbeforeprofits@hotmail.com) The front covers says it's the last issue ever. The editors are moving on to new projects. This is a compilation of writing pulled from previous issues, with a few bits thrown in. This zine has always provided a peak into the small but very active punk scene in Olean, NY. The editors play pivotal roles in that scene - putting on shows, booking tours, organizing stable punk houses and practice spaces and just having a whole lot of fun. The contents are revolve around their town and what's going on in it. This is a written record of punk rock in Olean. (-Aprille)

PUSSY MAGAZINE #10 (4 issue subscription for \$20/ 287 Bedford Ave #12/ Brooklyn, NY 11211) Swanky, glossy covered puppy magazine of clip art craziness. Lots of collages that are a combination of fashion magazines some DIY looking pom and other eclectic bits. Most of them focus on questioning beauty, femininity and body image. Quite a bit of positivity and living to the fullest pours out too. The writing is almost second to the collages. It covers the editor's thoughts on life, the current political state and whatever else comes into her head. The fiction talk of love and republican whores was enjoyable. There's a zine with in this one also. It's put out by and for trannies. It's called *Damselette*. Pretty simple and short. (-Aprille)

QUID #1 June 02 (Ruben/ Cerro del Fraile #6121/ Col. Valle de Cumbres/ CP 64347/ Monterrey NL Mexico) Fernando sent me this zine - it's all in Spanish. There's an interview with Born Dead Icons from when they went to Mexico. Writing on anarchism, bull fights, music and activism, a few reviews and contacts. There's more than I can't translate. Generally seems to be a positive zine combining punk, politics and action. (-Chris)

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PAUL THE PUNKER #1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 (\$2 for #1/2, postage for all others/ c/o FNS publishing/ PO Box 1299/ Boston, MA 02130 www.geocities.com/spatt77) Chaos crust comics that are lewd and rude but make for an entertaining read. Issue #1/2 is full sized and color, telling the story form Paul's crude birth to punk trainhopper. These various issues include tales of working, aliens, the "crappy mart", being an alcoholic and record store adventures. #6 comes with a bonus quarter sized full length Penisman comic. (-tifani)

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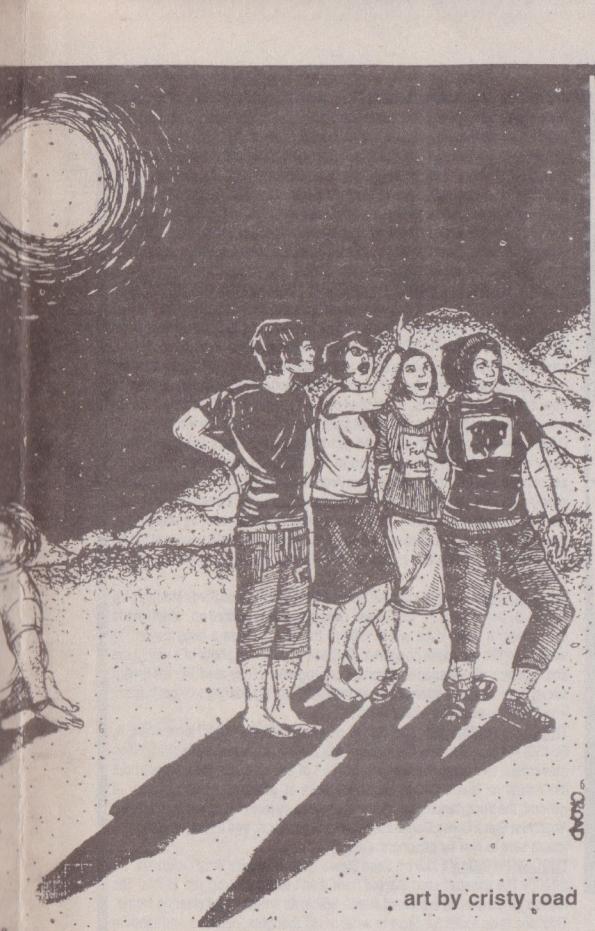
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believe. Rowie #1 has some hilarious writing on Helen's love life ("and the time when I could write and it didn't so nauseatingly resemble a Dashboard Confessional song."), her Catholic mother who vomited when she found out that Helen had been doing it, and some thoughts on self mutilating (particularly in middle class girls). Helen's personality comes shining out of these 38 handwritten pages. I very much look forward to another issue! (-Davin)

SET THEIR YARDS ON FIRE AND GIVE THEM DIRTY LOOKS #1 (\$1/ Sarah Derelict: 1214 N. 7th Ave Pensacola, FL 32503) 1/4 size, 14 pgs. Sarah Derelict writes a lot of zines. I didn't enjoy this one as much as "Note To Prisoners" and I found her handwriting pretty hard to read. This zine's about boys, sex, and booze. She's tough, her stories are entertaining, and I usually enjoy her writing style a lot. Sadly, this time she really didn't hook me. I tend to have trouble getting into drug and alcohol stories, but if you like them then you might like this. (-Davin)

SHAZZBUTTI #9 (\$1/ Mark Novotny/5413 6th Ave/ Countryside, IL 60525) This has never been a zine that really stuck in my mind. It just leaves me thinking maybe I'm missing a joke or something. Oh well. This issue is put together with a mock fashion magazine theme. There's a letters section, a complete guide to mustaches, an analysis of -punk fashion, interview with Hewhocorups, record reviews, made up celebrity gossip, a run down of why Winona Ryder should date the editor, a bunch of home aide fashion photo pages and a few pages of advice on style. Like I said, I just don't seem to be getting it. (-Aprille)

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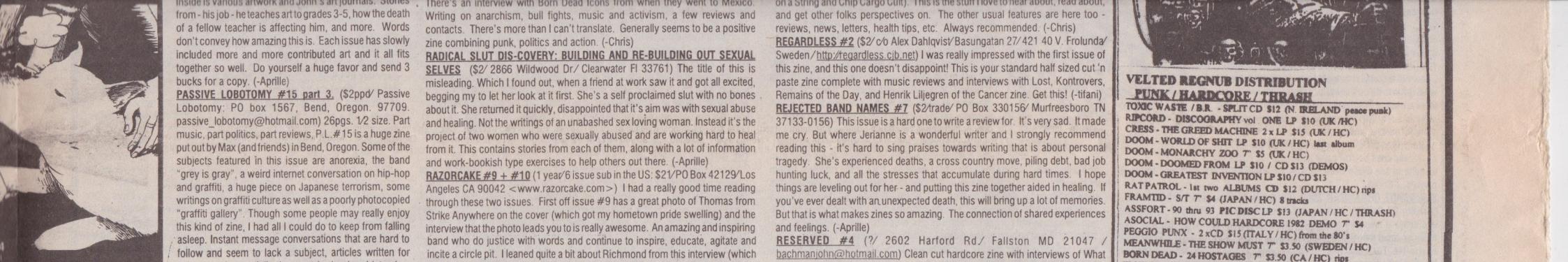
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PASSIVE LOBOTOMY #15 part 3. (\$2ppd/ Passive Lobotomy: PO box 1567, Bend, Oregon. 97709. passive_lobotomy@hotmail.com) 26pgs. 1/2 size. Part music, part politics, part reviews. P.L.#15 is a huge zine put out by Max (and friends) in Bend, Oregon. Some of the subjects featured in this issue are anorexia, the band "grey is gray", a weird internet conversation on hip-hop and graffiti, a huge piece on Japanese terrorism, some writings on graffiti culture as well as a poorly photocopied "graffiti gallery". Though some people may really enjoy this kind of zine, I had all I could do to keep from falling asleep. Instant message conversations that are hard to follow and seem to lack a subject, articles written for school, and potentially the most boring band interview ever. My advice to P.L. is to concentrate more on quality and not quantity. (-Davin)

PAUL THE PUNKER #1/2, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 (\$2 for #1/2, postage for all others / c/o FNS publishing/ PO Box 1299/ Boston, MA 02130 / www.geocities.com/spat177) Chaos crust comics that are lewd and rude but make for an entertaining read. Issue #1/2 is full sized and color, telling the story from Paul's crude birth to punk trainhopper. These various issues include tales of working, aliens, the "crappy mart", being an alcoholic and record store adventures. #6 comes with a bonus quarter sized full length Penisman comic. (-tifani)

There's an interview with Born Dead Icons from when they went to Mexico. Writing on anarchism, bull fights, music and activism, a few reviews and contacts. There's more than I can't translate. Generally seems to be a positive zinc combining punk, politics and action. (-Chris)

RADICAL SLUT DIS-COVERY: BUILDING AND RE-BUILDING OUT SEXUAL SELVES (\$2/ 2866 Wildwood Dr/ Clearwater FL 33761) The title of this is misleading. Which I found out, when a friend at work saw it and got all excited, begging me to let her look at it first. She's a self proclaimed slut with no bones about it. She returned it quickly, disappointed that it's aim was with sexual abuse and healing. Not the writings of an unabashed sex loving woman. Instead it's the project of two women who were sexually abused and are working hard to heal from it. This contains stories from each of them, along with a lot of information and work-bookish type exercises to help others out there. (-Aprille)

RAZORCAKE #9 + #10 (1 year/6 issue sub in the US: \$2/1 PO Box 42129/Los Angeles CA 90042 <www.razorcake.com>) I had a really good time reading through these two issues. First off issue #9 has a great photo of Thomas from Strike Anywhere on the cover (which got my hometown pride swelling) and the interview that the photo leads you to is really awesome. An amazing and inspiring band who do justice with words and continue to inspire, educate, agitate and incite a circle pit. I leaned quite a bit about Richmond from this interview (which isn't that surprising really considering.) Anyway there is plenty more in here - the usual pages upon pages of columns (most of which I just glance at or skim through), as well as reviews of zines, music and select books. One thing I notice is that they don't list addresses - I guess you're either supposed to be able to find the stuff or search on line for it. I wanted to see some mailing addresses myself. So also in issue #9 are features on Out Cold, Fleshies, The Briefs, and work saboteur legend Ben Hamper (former factory worker and author of Rivethead). Issue #10 has "Searching for Emma Goldman" on the cover, which led me to immediately

on a String and Chip Cargo Cut). This is the stuff I have to hear about, read about, and get other folks perspectives on. The other usual features are here too - reviews, news, letters, health tips, etc. Always recommended. (-Chris)

REGARDLESS #2 (\$2/cb Alex Dahlqvist/Basungatan 27/421 40 V. Frolunda/Sweden / <http://regardless.cjb.net>) I was really impressed with the first issue of this zine, and this one doesn't disappoint! This is your standard half sized cut 'n paste zine complete with music reviews and interviews with Lost, Kontrovers, Remains of the Day, and Henrik Liljenren of the Cancer zine. Get this! (-tifani)

REJECTED BAND NAMES #7 (\$2/trade/ PO Box 330156/ Murfreesboro TN 37133-0156) This issue is a hard one to write a review for. It's very sad. It made me cry. But where Jerianne is a wonderful writer and I strongly recommend reading this - it's hard to sing praises towards writing that is about personal tragedy. She's experienced deaths, a cross country move, piling debt, bad job hunting luck, and all the stresses that accumulate during hard times. I hope things are leveling out for her - and putting this zine together aided in healing. If you've ever dealt with an unexpected death, this will bring up a lot of memories. But that is what makes zines so amazing. The connection of shared experiences and feelings. (-Aprille)

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ZINES

Rapids, MN 55448) It always happens this way - I save this zine till last and am never through it by deadline time. It's just a zine I want to be able to read slowly and reread if it doesn't click the first time. So much history and information, and throw economics in the mix and I need digesting time. This zine is a critique of the current economic system. Written plainly and minus the propaganda you'll find in textbooks and newspapers. And I whole heartedly applaud Tony for undertaking this project. I've learned a lot from his writing. This issue delves into the future and the idea of a 'Corporate State'. There is a fiction tale set in the future filled with all sorts of Orwellian controls. Then there is a follow up that closely inspects reality and how close we are to that future, how the present can be twisted till we end up just like the fiction tale. There is also a lengthy comic reprise called 'Wobbly Reverie', which I haven't read yet. As always, I recommend this. (-Aprille)

SKAM #7 (\$3ppd/ New Mouth from the Dirty South/ PO box 19742/ New Orleans LA 70179-0742) I thought I would just read a little bit of this before I went to sleep, but that didn't work, cause I got sucked into this narrative story and couldn't put this down. I read it through in one shot. This is an excellent story basically about doing lots of drugs. Starting out as the sober driver guy; ending up smoking pot in Jamaica on a family trip, and then most of the rest of the stories span the time at a radical arts college in Iowa City. Jaime lives in a co-op type dorm, the one "where the white people with dreadlocks wanted to live, and white kids with tattoos, white kids with mohawks, and the kids who liked organic gardening and post modern theory". So while normally a zine about alcohol and drug consumption would not be that exciting to me, and would probably turn off most of the people that I know. This one is different. It's different cause it's written really well and it's hilarious. It's not about stupid debauchery and ruin. It's kinda like poking fun at a lot of the stupid shit you did, and a lot of the crazy adventures you had. It just so happens that most of it involves smoking lots of pot, or eating weird seeds that make acid. And the ensuring stories are great. Also some of the best writing praising coffee I have ever read. So don't be turned off to the massive drug consumption because underlying it is plenty of vegan and straight edge understanding. This is a great zine, a great story, a great read. In fact, one of my recent favorites! (-Chris) ***

SKYSCRAPER #11 (Skyscraper Magazine/ PO Box 4432 Boulder/ Colorado 80306 USA) One of the better (maga)zines that came my way this time. Thick, slick, and glossy, Skyscraper's primary focus seems to be on the (post)punk/indy scene. While I share no affinity with this scene I found the writing to be excellent. The interviews were extremely well done. Radio 4, Party of Helicopters, The Long Winters, Rockfour, (the mighty) Gwar, and a whole lot of others round out this 150 page issue. Included is about fifty pages of music and live show reviews. I should mention that the interview with Oderus Urungus of GWAR was absolutely hilarious. Check your local record store or visit www.skyscraper.com (-Ryan)

SLACKERS AND LAYABOUTS (Richard Caine/ Goudse

Ryweg 659/ 3031 CG Rotterdam The Netherlands
<http://www.cytag.net/~richard/> <richblabla@hotmail.com> This is a full-sized comic zine filled with awesome artwork of punks that take on an almost medieval quality. Kinda reminds me a bit of Sean Goblin's style or rather motif. I really like Richard's characters. The storylines are at times quite basic, but that even works into the story. A couple who seem to drink way to much, regret it in the morning, and then get to drinking again change go on an adventure in the woods looking for healing mushrooms and end up eating magic mushrooms. Another guy goes on a walk through the woods, thinks he finds a valuable diamond and that his wealth is assured. Some of the comic is straight forward narrative about what is fun to do on a usual lazy day of non-work, and there are some flyers and posters in here as well. The style is such that you could get some crayons or colored pencils and go to town. I really like the characters and the very unique drawing style. He says he usually does one off color paintings - so check the website to see those because they are AMAZING!! And then wait for more comics. (-Chris)

SLINGSHOT ORGANIZER 2003 (\$6ppd/ Long Haul 3124 Shattuck Ave/ Berkeley CA 94705) It's time to get your organizer. Either you already are dedicated to these 1/4 size yearly calendar planner books, or else you need to know about them. They are the perfect pocket sized booklet to keep track of your life. Each date has relevant information about what has happened on that day in the history of revolution, activism, people's liberation and struggles across the globe. I am always amazed at the details and it's kinda fun to keep

usually \$5 for one, discounts for quantities. What are you waiting for? (-Chris)

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING #55 (free/ 1dy/ 516 Third Street NE/ Massillon, OH 44646 /1dy@sssn.net) I guess this must be the "growing up" themed issue, because it seems like just about every article in here relates to that. This issue is a pretty good one, mostly made up of a bunch of columns from different people covering topics like good things about summer, struggling through unemployment with kids to feed and loans to pay, growing up and realizing your mortality, being distraught over old friends whose lives have taken paths you don't agree with, and a few more that didn't really interest me as much. There's also a few zine and music reviews to round it out. (-Kyle)

SORE #14 (\$2/ PO Box 6871/ Virginia Beach, VA 23471/ SOREzine@aol.com) I like this zine because it steps outside of the boundaries of what you would expect from a typical newsprint punk music zine. In the absence of the usual columns and band interviews this zine focuses on writing, short stories, and things of that nature. It's refreshing to be able to step back for a moment from the focus on music and to get a dose of writing from the punks for a change. I like to see punk influenced work in realms outside of music - art, literature, etc. - so this zine helps fill that role. I think it would be interesting to see it head even more strongly in that direction, to maybe even get rid of the music related content entirely and solely focus on punk literature. Short stories, journal writings, zine and music reviews make up this issue. (-Aprille)

SOUCOUPE VOLANTE #2 (a stamp/ 5579 S. Greenwood St/ Littleton CO 80120) The first page kind of put me off. It talks of how after Sept. 11th the statement "as a fellow American, I... became even stronger." Yike. That's a sentiment I'm too ashamed to ever utter. Being an American is like an ugly secret you wish would go away. Well, with that aside, the rest of this didn't really draw me in either. It features an interview with Ten Times A Day, a story of fucked up love, a brief alert about the city passing a law to ban the sale of alcohol at all ages shows, a call for women to stop shaving their legs and a few other, smaller bits of writing. (-Aprille)

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remember reading this paper a few years ago, and thinking it was a good summary of anti-racist news from around the country. Well I don't know if this paper has evolved since then or if I have, but I definitely got WAY more out of it this time. The paper is still chock full of relevant anti-racist bulletins and reports, but also has some incredibly sophisticated and exciting political debate going on. There are articles about the Purples Berets, the Landless Movement in Brasil, and editorials on Bush and the insanity of his pledge to 'save' Afghan women. But the most amazing thing in here is two opposing articles that debate the International Solidarity Movement in Palestine and two opinion editorials on revolutionary anti-racist organizing. I just want to say, the level of dialogue in these debates is just amazing, in a way I was almost overwhelmed by. It's all about white privilege and white supremacy, and how to defeat it in the context of pulling together a movement that will change this world. And damn it's good. I'm realizing that I'm really not yet up to this level of political analysis, but I want to be. So I'm getting a subscription to this rag, and maybe you should too! (-Jim)

VIOLENCE #3 (2/ c/o SMG Records/ POB 46/ 21500 Biala Podl/ Poland/ www.smgrecords.prv.pl) This zine is huge! It's up there with newer classics such as Short Fast and Lou (there's tons of contributors!) but with more of a focus on the heavy side of grind power violence trash. Issue #3 includes Groinburn, Sivilimurha, My Minds Mine, Scholastic Deth, Toothgrush, Oxbaker, Beyond Description, and way more! (-tifani)

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sucks, how the LA band X is not punk, how he got into punk, the influence of Discharge, a big section on the Misfits and a metal show review. Oh, and Danzig's on the cover. (-tfan)

WAITING FOR SLEEP #3 (\$1 or stamps or trade/ Cathy/Born to Lose Press/ 409 Water St./Jackson CA 95642 <cathy@viperdynamics.com>) I was a bit put off by the bubbly hand-writing which just screams teenage-girly-zine, but I hate to be so judgmental. Cathy is in fact quite young - to be a mom that is. She's 20, married, with a 1 year old daughter. In a lot of ways this zine reads like the East Village Ink, if Ayun (E.V.I) was 20 that is. For the most part this zine is about Cathy's life as a stay at home mom, taking care of her girl, and watching a lot of TV, taking care of things around the house, and never getting enough sleep. I can't really say that I can relate to most of this - but it still held my interest throughout the rather quick read that it was. I'm not sure what her obsession is with wrapping presents though - she mentions that several times as one of her list items that she things about and/or doesn't have the time to do. If you are young and a mother - you may want to check this one out. (-Chris)

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WE'RE GONNA FIGHT #4 (?/W.G.F/ 8 crs Gambetta/ 69007 Lyon/ France / w.g.f@free.fr) For anyone interested in the underground punk scene in various Asian countries (excluding Japan), check out this issue! There's so much information and contacts in this zine! The highlight for me was the interview with Luc Haas of Tian An Men 89 recs, who releases punk music from parts of the world where due to financial reasons or lack of factories, there is no possibility for the bands to release music on vinyl. This also contains info on a trip to Indonesia and Malaysia, tons of scene reports (Hungary, Peru, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia), interviews with @patio_No and more plus music reviews. Highly recommended! (-tfan)

WHY SO PISSED (\$1/trade/Tara/301 Margo Ct/Chula Vista CA 91910) This zine is about tour. A rough, hard, and kinda bad tour. The cover even says "eulogy for a band called "Durga" and the account of my hate-love affair with a thing called "tour". So basically Tara and her band Durga head east on tour with Dead Seraphim and their van dies before they get too far. They have some not so good shows, with a few better ones in there somewhere. But the van dies. They get stuck. They get a new van. They get stuck again and then that one dies. Once on the east coast everyone else goes home, but Tara decides to stick it out and wander around and try to find a ride with another band eventually - which lands her at some pretty bad hardcore fests. This is a journal of of this tour and post-tour time. I enjoyed reading it quite a bit, even if it was rough and sad. (-Chris)

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MUSIC REVIEWS

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1905 - VOICE CD This is the kind of band that can change your life. Or at least your outlook, and fuel some inspiration and hope. I had heard quite a buzz about this band before I finally got to hear them, and so I was full of expectations, which were fulfilled. This young band outta the DC area creates their own kind of anarcho peace punk. With shockingly beautiful female vocals, this band stand out as quite different. Jess's voice is amazing. Few people can sing so well and with such a high-pitch - especially in a punk band. And they weave this together really well. Plenty of melody and mellowness here but not without plenty of raw angst and fast hard driving energy. In fact the mix and blend of styles, speed and energy is just perfect. The voices trade off (male/female) throughout. They go from one totally mello acoustic folk song to a high energy, pummeling and weaving explosion. I really like the variety of vocal styles and the way they work together. There's an almost theatrical feeling to this (which I quite like). I listened to this a whole bunch and already find this to have that familiar old favorite quality. This is not raging crust punk - but they've got plenty of aggression, anger and raspy discordant screaming. For anyone who's appreciated the diversity among peace-punk bands of the past,

Italy <www.vacationhouserecords.com>) (-Chris)

AFFRONT - YOU'D MAKE A GOOD LOOKING CORPSE CD I was thrilled to see a new release from a band who has been a favorite lately. These kids play a post-style of hardcore-punk with super catchy melodies with good hooks. They've got a sing-a-long style with some youth-crew style back-ups as well as some whoa, oh oh's. The lead vocals that aren't really snotty, but they do have a young/youth sound to the clear and understandable style. Their sound is totally solid and is well delivered. Rockin energy combining some chugga hardcore with melodic super catchy punk rock. I love this band. This CD is too short for my tastes though, as it's only a 6 song "ep" with a Bad Brains cover. The artwork (by Linas Garsys) makes this look like it could be a AFI record with a Pushead flair. Great band outta the DC area! (Common Records/PO Box 34101/Calgary AB T3C 3W2 Canada <www.commonrecords.com>) (-Chris) ****

AGITATED - GO BLUE, GO DIE CD It's always nice to see someone put something old-as-hell out, even though they may be so in obscure that no one will even remember who they were?! It shows that someone WAS listening, and thought that others should here it too... That is what we have here... An old Ohio band called Agitated, and this is their recordings from 1983. Loud - Fast - Raw... three words that fit all 17 songs here. Not some long lost masterpiece, but still quite enjoyable for what it is: a time capsule to Ohio's punk scene, long before bands like Integrity or Ringworm put Ohio on the map. (Smog Veil Records, 316 California #207, Reno, NV 89509 www.smogveil.com) (Dave)

AMERICAN PIG - FEED EM BEFORE YOU KILL EM CD

You get 12 songs of self-abusing Bay Area punk, though nothing really earth-shattering. Mad-at-the-world & damn proud of it... (American Pig Records, 548 Broderick Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 www.american-pig.com) (Dave)

AND NONE OF THEM KNEW THEY WERE ROBOTS - LIEBESTOD CD

Stop-and-go punk! with a bit of indie-rock tempo... they even throw in a Minor Threat cover to cover it for a loop. Noisy rock, but not too nerdy or clothing/fashion-consumed. Interesting packaging & an all around interesting release too... though a lyric sheet would have been a plus... (In At The Deep End Records, 822 Barlow Drive South, Asworth, Notts, NG16 2TD UK) (Dave)

ANTICHRIST - DAMNED THOSE WHO PREFERRED BITTERNESS...7"

This Polish band is totally insane. On the extreme end of brutal with guttural manic vocals reminiscent of At the Gates. The music is heavy and powerful, with a pummeling drumbeat and metallic death-metal styled guitars. It's been awhile since I've heard this band, so I'm not sure if they have gotten more extreme, or if I just didn't remember them being quite this way. I did remember liking them quite a bit - and that is still very much the case - this is relentless the whole way through 5 songs with some occasional deep growls to countbalance the mostly screaming vocal style. Solid, heavy and brutal with a rockin' groove as well. (Dissonant Sound Industries/PO Box 2353/ Portland OR 97208-2353 <www.dissonantsoundindustries.com>) (-Chris)

ANTIPRODUCT - THE EPS OF AP CD I remember when I got their first 7" in the mail at the Tribal War HQ and I was taken with the anarchy, peace, equality symbols all over the record, the extensive lyrics and the classic anarcho-punk style w/ rad female vocals.

From the beginning I always kinda thought of them as an Aus Rotten Jr. with male and female vocals. Tribal War went on to help them out quite a bit - releasing several records with them and as the years passed, Antiproduct were a regular staple of our shows in NYC. That was a good time. I got to watch this band grow - as a band, and as individuals, and they have always continued to inspire me, amaze me and impress me - through their dedication, the manifestation of their ideals. Antiproduct have long shown the punk world what a great band they are; and I feel I don't have to tell many people that this is the case, so I tell my own love-story of this band instead. And in the great booklet of lyrics with this CD they tell their own band story, which gets me to feeling kinda emo. In fact, there are songs on here that transport me back in time so much. This disk is their first 2 7" along with the songs from a 3rd that was unreleased plus some comp tracks. In other words this is the complete collection of the early stuff, prior to the LP. This is Antiproduct when they were a young(er) punk band, when they were raging with straight forward anger and energy with a political intensity that is astounding. The trade off vocals of Taina & Chris, backed by thunderous and pummeling drums, and driven along with raging guitars and a purely punk rock style. The amazing in-depth lyrics are inspiring! I couldn't even begin to get into all that they tackle in such a hopeful way (anti-government, anti-system, animal and earth liberation, equality and freedom for all and a strong feminist stance to give you an idea). I can still feel the hope and inspiration listening to this now, I hope that they can continue to be an inspiration for the future of punks. (Tribal War/ 1951 W. Burdette #19366/Portland OR 97209) (-Chris) ****



and isn't stuck on wanting to hear the same thing regurgitated over and over - I can guarantee you will find 1905 to be a breath of fresh air. I am in love with this band. (Exotic Fever Records/ PO Box 297/ College Park MD 20741-0297 <www.exoticfever.com> // 1905/ PO Box 1217/ Riverdale MD 20738-1217 <www.idealpolitik.org/1905>) (-Chris) ****

A.I.M. (ANGER IN MOTION) - REVERENDS AND REDNECKS EP This EP is a real fucking ripper. First thing I thought when I heard it was that the vocals sound EXACTLY like the dude from ADRENALIN OD off the first LP, and that's like one of the best records ever, easily. The music is also like Adrenalin OD too, the thrashing parts, but ANGER IN MOTION have really cool intros, sometimes they throw you for a loop but then they crank the raging thrash, cooling your nerves. I'd say SEPTIC-DEATH with the singer of ADRENALIN OD would be an awesome comparison. These are some aussies with attitude. The 5 songs on this EP come from a tape recorded in 1990, and I'd say this is the best or some of the best stuff from that year, easy. I wanna listen to it 69 times in a row. It says they started as a drunken jam-band, I hate to hear what that sounded like. So you pretty much have to get this record if you like the bands I compared it to. I could totally see this as the missing band from that bootleg TIM-YO comp that came out a while ago, but I guess they were never really heard or even heard of until our friend at Kangaroo decided to put this sick piece of wax out. Thanks Henk. (Kangaroo Records/Henk Smit/Middenweg 13/1098 AA Amsterdam Netherlands/tyson@xs4all.nl/http://www.geocities.com/tyskangaroo) (-Brandon)

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AGITATED - GO BLUE, GO DIE CD It's always nice to see someone put something old-as-hell out, even though they may be so f'n obscure that no one will even remember who they were? It shows that someone WAS listening, and thought that others should here it too... That is what we have here... An old Ohio band called Agitated, and this is their recordings from 1983. Loud - Fast - Raw... three words that fit all 17 songs here. Not some long lost masterpiece, but still quite enjoyable for what it is: a time capsule to Ohio's punk scene, long before bands like Integrity or Ringworm put Ohio on the map. (Smog Veil Records, 316 California #207, Reno, NV 89509 www.smogveil.com) (Dave)

AMERICAN PIG - FEED EM BEFORE YOU KILL EM CD You get 12 songs of self-abusing Bay Area punk, though nothing really earth-shattering. Mad-at-the-world & damn proud of it... (American Pig Records, 548 Broderick Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 www.american-pig.com) (Dave)

AND NONE OF THEM KNEW THEY WERE ROBOTS - LIEBESTOD CD EP Stop-and-go punk! with a bit of indie-rock tempo... they even throw in a Minor Threat cover to throw it for a loop. Noisy rock, but not too nerdy or clothing/fashion-consumed. Interesting packaging & an all around interesting release too... though a lyric sheet would have been a plus... (In At The Deep End Records, 82 Barlow Drive South, Awdsworth, Notts, NG16 2TD UK) (Dave)

ANTICHRIST - DAMNED THOSE WHO PREFERRED BITTERNESS...7" This Polish band is totally insane. On the extreme end of brutal with guttural manic vocals reminiscent of At the Gates. The music is heavy and powerful, with a pummeling drumbeat and metallic death-metal styled guitars. It's been awhile since I've heard this band, so I'm not sure if they have gotten more extreme, or if I just didn't remember them being quite this way. I did remember liking them quite a bit - and that is still very much the case - this is relentless the whole way through 5 songs with some occasional deep growls to countbalance the mostly screaming vocal style. Solid, heavy and brutal with a rockin' groove as well. (Dissonant Sound Industries/ PO Box 2353/ Portland OR 97208-2353 <www.dissonantsoundindustries.com>) (-Chris)

ANTIPRODUCT - THE EP'S OF AP CD I remember when I got their first 7" in the mail at the Tribal War HQ and I was taken with the anarchy, peace, equality symbols all over the record, the extensive lyrics and the

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everything sound like Drive Like Jehu this month? Not that that's a bad thing, but it's very odd. This record even has the same color scheme as Drive like Jehu Records. Coincidence? Anyway, that isn't to say that Army of Ponch are unoriginal. They don't sound exactly like Drive Like Jehu, but the influence is unavoidable. They're good, they're tight, and they definitely do that Drive Like Jehu thing really well. Kudos. (No Idea Records, P.O. Box 14636, Gainesville, FL 32604, www.noidearecords.com) (-TNT)

ASS-END OFFEND - BECOMING OUR DESTRUCTION 7" Punk rock from Montana played in an abrasive raw thrashing style. Kinda disjointed in the timing with pronounced scream vocals that roll. Lots of technical guitar playing that doesn't make this any less punk cause they rage along full throttle and thrash. The cover is one thick piece with a screen-printed front. (Poisoned Candy Records/PO Box 9263 Missoula MT 59807) (-Chris)

AT WAR WITH SHADOWS - HEALING IS NOT AN OPTION 7" or CD 3 songs of death-metal crossed hardcore with guttural deep raspy vocals and a metallic sound, with raging guitars and quite a good tempo. I have no idea where the band is from. They've got a dark quality lyrically that is felt in the music as well. A good solid band with a punchy crunchy style that does weave some melodies into the guitar sounds. This is available on CD with an additional song. (Hater of God/PO Box 666/ Troy NY 12181-666) (-Chris)

AVAIL - FRONT PORCH STORIES CD Avail are back with a fantastic new record! This is the Avail that I fell in love with years ago. This is the Avail that made me fall in love with Richmond. This is the Avail that makes me dance around my house like a fool. This new record brings back all of the feelings I have had for Avail in the past—the energy, passion and anthemic catchy song-writing—everything that I have loved so much about this band. I haven't been hearing much about or from these guys in so long—I didn't know what to expect—but something went incredibly right and this is like a throw-back to the old days of Avail, my favorite band. It's not like they've re-written Dixie, this is definitely new. But it's got the Avail *feeling* that we've come to love. And Yes—I LOVE this record! The songs are super catchy, lure me in, get me reading the lyrics and pondering this town, the time passing, the passion and the pain. West Wye the hobo song, and You, are my favorites. I can close my eyes and picture Karoline and I behind the merch tables dancing our hearts out. I'm really enthusiastic about this record. I want to tell everyone about it. My gushing enthusiasm is all over the place. Hooray for Avail—this is an awesome record. I mean damn good! Avail is back—look out! (Fat Wreck Chords) *****

AZTECWOSTRO - \$7 7" This is a really bizarre record from this Swedish band. Kinda of a hybrid of grind-core and power-violence with obsurd lyrics and raspy evil sound vocals. The lyrics are really ridiculous. Not sure what the Aztec worship is about but the lyrics kinda go along the lines of: "Amputlevision - 24/7, watch shit. 24/7, watch shit 24/7. Uargh." and here's another "aztechnology - all this media lying shit to me. All this religion lying shit to me. aztec. aztec. aztec." I don't usually point out lyrics like this, but these struck me. The music hits with manic blasting speed and intensity with some slow heavy slug parts as well. The record sleeve is pretty cool - standard size folded in triangle so the red vinyl shows in the plastic sleeve. (Immigrant Sun Records/PO Box 150711/ Brooklyn NY 11215 <www.immigrantsun.com>) (-Chris)

BAND OF FELONS - DROWN MY SORROWS CDEP 5 songs taking heavily from The Dropkick Murphys version of street-punk & a bit of the Headache label back catalog too. Songs about growing upold, crooked cops, and hard drinking... 5 enjoyable tunes... (Band of Felons, PO Box 38, South Amboy, NJ 08879) (Dave) **BEECHER - RESENTION IS A BIG WORD IN A SMALL TOWN CD** Beecher are the UK's answer to Brother's Keeper Meets Cave In or something. They have metal parts, techno parts, and these weird ambient parts that I don't really get and vocals I really can't get into at all. Their press release says that the singer also plays the "Kaoss Pad." I don't know what a "Kaoss Pad" is, but I've never heard of a punk band having one. Hmmm? (In the Deep End Records, UK. www.inatthedeependrecords.co.uk) (-TNT)

BG - THE THING THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE TO DO 7" A ripping new 7" from BG! While the first 7" was good, this one absolutely destroys it! The songs are stronger, the riffs are catchier and the music is even harder! There's even a bit of that rockin' FROM ASHES RISE/TRADEGY sound present here... Go seek this one out! (\$3 ppd: Jason Garvey/13506 Heretage Pl, Fort Smith AR 72916/USA) (-JAY) **BG - THE CONGRATULATIONS 7"** US hardcore-thrash with a bit of powerviolence styling. Most of the songs on this are fast and straightforward and when they do infrequently slow down things still remain interesting. Plus the DICKS cover is done perfectly. I'd suggest picking this one up... (625 records - but available thru the band \$3 ppd: Jason Garvey/13506 Heretage Pl, Fort Smith AR 72916/USA) (-JAY)

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CORPUS CHRISTIE - ST DEMO CD Sometimes these demo CDs aren't much to look at, which can put some bias towards the listen. I am happy to say how wrong I was proven with this when I found an awesome all-girl punk band with awesome vocals that are rather operatic and really well sung. The first song is awesome! Only 6 songs here. Solid driving punk rock with catchy rhythms and an extra heavy guitar. They've got multiple voices singing at the same time. The speed and song structure changes from melodic and catchy to hard and driving with an almost Aus Rotten type of crunch. And then other remind me quite a bit of the old peace punk band from NYC - Apple. There are some unnecessary guitar leads which detract. But all told, this is a band I want to hear more from! (\$3ppd/PO Box 7114/Pittsburgh PA 15213) (-Chris)

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CORPUS CHRISTIE - ST DEMO CD Sometimes these demo CDs aren't much to look at, which can put some bias towards the listen. I am happy to say how wrong I was proven with this when I found an awesome all-girl punk band with awesome vocals that are rather operatic and really well sung. The first song is awesome! Only 6 songs here. Solid driving punk rock with catchy rhythms and an extra heavy guitar. They've got multiple voices singing at the same time. The speed and some structure changes from melodic and catchy to hard and driving with an almost Aus Rotten type of crunch. And then other remind me quite a bit of the old peace punk band from NYC - Appie. There are some unnecessary guitar leads which detract. But all told, this is a band I want to hear more from! (\$3ppd/PO Box 7114/Pittsburgh PA 15213) (-Chris)

CRESS - THE GREED MACHINE AND THE MONEY TREE - 2XL This is a beautiful gatefold, 2 record collection from the UK's Cress. A band who have been one of my favorites since I first heard them. They draw on the anarcho-peace punk style, and play on the Grass name, and even incorporate quite a bit of the "Crass-type bands" sounds here and there. But the thing is they are even better. They have a heavier sound, with more of a kick to the tempo and more energy. They've got a snotty sound in the mix that does not dominate, but only adds to their sound. The incredibly song accented vocals ring loud and clear with a bouncing style to match the music. They've got dual vocals - with ranging tones. And bounces it all does. This is a discography type collection. I'm not sure if this is actually everything or not. But it does include the "Monuments" LP, tracks from the "From Violence to Consumerism" 7", tracks from the split 10" with Doom, as well as some unreleased songs as well. I've always loved everything I've heard from this band. Great lyrics, great artwork, great band. This one is a real gem. Includes a lyric booklet with tour stories, plus a poster. (Skull Releases/Malmshemerstr. 14/71272 Renningen/Germany/www.usinblackeneddistribution.com) (-Chris) *****

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BG - THE CONGRATULATIONS 7" US hardcore-thrash with a bit of powerviolence styling. Most of the songs on this are fast and straightforward and when they do infrequently slow down things still remain interesting. Plus the DICKS cover is done perfectly. I'd suggest picking this one up... (625 records - available thru the band \$3 ppd: Jason Garvey/13506 Heretage Pl, Fort Smith AR 72916/USA) (-JAY)

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BITCHIN - THE NIGHT LIFE, THE NIGHT STYLE CD This is a 2 girl 1 guy 3 piece outfit Gainesville. With female vocals; I thought I would love this. And there are songs that I do love. But over all the style is more clean rock n' roll, with open ended guitars, and lots of notes. And while they do have a raw style of rockin' punk rock - it's kinda on the melodic side. Different from the usually rock n' roll or melodic stuff that I hear - but still, not quite the hook and sinker that I thought I might find. I know plenty of people who would go crazy though. Sam's vocals are kinda tough while being kinda sing-songey as well. Plenty of melody and a catchy rockin' style. But I am not going crazy. (No Idea/PO Box 14636/Gainesville FL 32604) (-Chris)

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CLASS ASSASSINS - STATE OF EMERGENCY CD Canadian streetpunk that reminded me of Section 5 (early era!), with lots of singalong chants on top of straight forward punk beats, and no silly politics getting in the way of the message. Traditional, without coming off like a bad xerox copycat. Songs about "the kids", the hard streets, hard times, and rebellion... Pretty sweet! (TKO Records. 3126 W. Cary Street #303, Richmond, VA 23221 www.tkorecords.com) (Dave)

CLENCHED FIST - WELCOME TO MEMPHIS CD When I think of Memphis I think of Elvis, or even where I spent my honeymoon... not a place I think of for hardcore/punk music. Out of nowhere, CF take a 11 stab's at metallic hardcore like Madball, Skarhead, etc. They even cover "Street Kids" by the oh-so-controversial Stars & Stripes as a bonus hidden track. Fans of the more-metally stuff will like this... (Thorp Records, PO Box 6786, Toledo, OH 43612 www.thorprecords.com) (Dave)

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DIEHARD YOUTH - WITHOUT THE KIDS WE WOULD BE DEAD CD When you take your band name form a classic 7 Seconds tune, you better be able to deliver, and boy, do they! Energy just jumps out of these 16 tracks... California has another winner in DHY. I saw these guys when they played the east coast earlier this year & they were just as energetic. Fast hardcore, with drops of melody thrown in the mix for a great full length debut. (Thorpe Records, PO Box 6786, Toledo, OH 43612 www.thorprecords.com) (Dave)

DILLINGER FOUR - SITUATIONIST COMEDY LP/CD These four guys from St. Paul, MN breath a breath of fresh air into a watered-down punk rock genre with their latest, Situationist Comedy. Making the jump from Hopeless to Fat hasn't changed their sound at all. This album picks up where Versus God left off and it just keeps on going. If you are not familiar with Dillinger Four, they play a brand of punk/hardcore that is melodic without being annoyingly catchy and poppy without being syrupy sweet. Their songs are about stealing from work, not going to work, and getting fired from work. Dillinger Four's stylings are familiar sounding, yet refreshingly different, setting a new standard for punk rock records. They like to drink a lot and don't get naked anymore, but they are still among my top five favorite bands at this very moment. Touch it. (Fat Wreck Chords, P.O. Box 193690, San Francisco, CA 94119-3690) (-TNT)

DRUNK INJUNS - FROM WHERE I STAND CD Okay, so Alternative Tentacles is re-issuing 3 old skate rock releases... When I saw them, I was stoked, cuz they were all bands I had assumed would be lost in ebay-land forever... The Drunk Injuns are one of those bands that were 100% skate rock in the 80's. Thrasher Mag's MoFo sang, with the guys from Los Olvidados playing the instruments (though back then, no one knew who they were, cuz they wore these scary skull masks on stage). They had a full length LP & a live 10", both of which are darn hard to track down. This release doesn't have many of the songs from the LP, which kinda disappointed me, but I can cross my fingers for a re-issue of that LP later, I guess? Imagine Slasher's emotion & crazy punk music... you have The Drunk Injuns! (Alternative Tentacles, PO Box 419092, San Francisco, CA 94141-9092 www.alternativentacles.com) (Dave)

EDEN IN FLAMES - ST CD Fast, gruff, double bass pedal using, grinding hard stuff. Has the higher pitched dude, and the low garbage disposal dude too. This sounds a lot like Despite, or a little Napalm Death maybe. They don't overuse the blast beat, which is nice, so it's not a total blur. A little bit too modern metal for me, but what isn't? I believe most if not all of this is downtuned guitar, drop d or something like that. Hey, if you like Assuck, or the other bands above, you'll definitely get into this. They need some new cover art if they are going to sound like this, but that's my opinion. (65-730 Cook Ave/ Santa Barbara CA 93101/ EdenInFlames@mail.com) (-Brandon)

END ON END - WHY EVOLVE WHEN WE CAN GO SIDEWAYS? CD This band outta LA draws on what has become a familiar sound and style - the rather melodic emo sound with raspier more screamo vocals. The style works really well and End on End have a great full-length here. Lots of building and release energy with weaving guitars. The angst comes through in the voices - the multiple layers of them. I can't really draw on any comparisons for you. They don't have the extra something that makes my drool, but ye've got enough specialness to make me like them in a strong and steady way. This is the kind of band that kids in Richmond would adore. In fact, I think tons of kids who dig the emo-screamo style would dig them, as well they should, cause this is a good band. (Substandard Records/ PO Box 310/ Berkeley CA 94701 <www.substandard.com>) (-Chris)

ENEMIES - SEIZE THE DAY CD I really enjoy this Oakland punk band. They weave a diverse amount of styles and influences together to form a really tight, solid and incredibly catchy band. Some parts of pop punk (the good kind, not the annoying kind) and some Brit-punk and a bit in between. They pull off some super catchy hooks with sorta snotty-vocals that are understandable and therefore sing-a-longable. I'm telling you, the hooks are good. There's also an energy that really drives and bounces in a way that I love cause it rocks and it's a great groove, but it's hard to put into words. Sometimes the tempo makes me think of the Eve 6 song that I like. I doubt they'll like that comparison - but it's a positive one in this case (and it's not like the whole record sounds like them, that wouldn't be good). Super catchy punk with hooks, energy, drive and a bouncing rhythm that makes you dance around like a fool? I love it. (Lookout Records) (-Chris)

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INSTITUDE - TWO SHADOWS CD So this is a band outta Savannah with Victoria (from Damad) on vocals. I think this is kind of a project band. And I think this is a new, second CD from this band, cause it sounds quite different from what I remember. Much more industrial and trance like with lots of repetitive instrumental parts a lot of which has an electronic sound to the sound. And the songs are long. I like this quite a bit when it kicks into high-drive: when Victoria is growling and the music is at high-throttle—heavy and weaving and powerful. The tangents and more repetitive experimental parts don't hold my attention quite as much although this CD is quite happy in my CD player. If you like dark, brooding, heavy music with an industrial, experimental edge and if you want to follow up on the sounds of these Savannah folks - then this is most definitely worth checking out. (Yellow Dog/ PO Box 550208/ 10372 Berlin Germany <www.yellowdog.de>) (-Chris)

IN-D - KILL WHITEY! CD Rather than pop-punk from the suburbs, this is pop-punk from the streets of New York City - fueled by class war and the fight against the gentrification of the neighborhood, played by some of the Choking Victims from the same streets of the LES. They play a hodgepodge of styles - with each song almost sounding as though it could be a different band. Some total pop punk, some catchy punk, some harder driving parts, some guitar rockin' parts, some ska parts, the vocal style changes (with several people on vocals). Consequently, there are parts that I really like and parts that I don't. Overall - this is a good band - and I really like that these drunk crusties fighting for the streets are playing such a poppy and catchy style rather than the expected crust-punk aggression. But in the end, I will keep my eyes on this band more than I will keep playing this CD. The photo of the burning Featus Squat on the cover of this CD took me back in time and memories... or maybe it's Dos Blocos, cause Featus burned



got plenty of distortion on their guitars, but it still doesn't sound super thick. Might be intentional, I'm not sure. But it still sounds good. It's basic, simple, and straight forward. Galloping, charged, and raw punk and the way you hear the word "power" in their sounds very discharge-like. The record sleeve is printed in a standard old style - black semi-gloss sleeve with the type-writer written lyrics on the back. I might sound like I'm digging this, but really I'm not. If you like the genre - they do it well and not in that I've heard it too many times before kind of way, which is pretty damn good. (Funeral/ PO Box 40113/Portland OR 97240-0113) (-Chris)

FURY - RESURRECTION CUEP An odd title to re-issue from this side-project of Swiz from the late 80's. It was 3/4 Swiz, with Chris from Circus Lupus/ Ignition/ Skull Kontrol on vocals. Very much the same sound & style as Swiz, and Chris' vocals just shredded through song-after-song here. This came out on 7" originally, and now Jade Tree releases it for a whole new batch of ears to hear. (Jade Tree Records, 2310 Kennwynn Rd, Wilmington, DE 19810 www.jadetree.com) (Dave)

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DILLINGER FOUR - SITUATIONIST COMEDY LP/CD These four guys from St. Paul, MN breathe a breath of fresh air into a watered-down punk rock genre with their latest, Situationist Comedy. Making the jump from Hopeless to Fat hasn't changed their sound at all. This album picks up where Versus God left off and it just keeps on going. If you are not familiar with Dillinger Four, they play a brand of punk/hardcore that is melodic without being annoyingly catchy and poppy without being syrupy sweet. Their songs are about stealing from work, not going to work, and getting fired from work. Dillinger Four's stylings are familiar sounding, yet refreshingly different, setting a new standard for punk rock records. They like to drink a lot and don't get naked anymore, but they are still among my top five favorite bands at this very moment. Touch it. (Fat Wreck Chords, P.O. Box 193690, San Francisco, CA 94119-3690) (-TNT)

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END - WHY EVOLVE WHEN WE CAN GO SIDEWAYS? CD This band outta LA draws on what has become a familiar sound and style - the rather melodic emo sound with raspier more scream-y vocals. The style works really well and End on End have a great full-length here. Lots of building and release energy with weaving guitars. The angst comes through in the voices - the multiple layers of them. I can't really draw on any comparisons for you. They don't have the extra something that makes me drool, but ye'v got enough specialness to make me like them in a strong and steady way. This is the kind of band that kids in Richmond would adore. In fact, I think tons of kids who dig the screamo-style would dig them, as well they should, cause this is a good band. (Substandard Records/ PO Box 310/ Berkeley CA 94701 <www.substandard.com>) (-Chris)

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IGNITE - SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY - Picture 10" CD Okay, so this reeks of gimmick. I mean this band is long gone and this is a live recording on a picture disk. Why? Well hopefully because it's a benefit for the title, though it doesn't say that. Anyway - I love Ignite. They're an awesome old-school hardcore band with energy, passion, politics and well-sung vocals. This 4 song record has 2 of my favorites and 2 songs I don't know so well. It's a live recording and the quality is okay. Not bad, not good. Unless you're a collector, I'd stick to the original releases. (Vacation House/ via san michele 56/ 13856 Vigliano B. Italy <www.vacationhouserecords.com>) (-Chris)

INSTITUTE - TWO SHADOWS CD So this is a band outta Savannah with Victoria (from Damaged) on vocals. I think this is kind of a project band. And I think this is a new, second CD from this band, cause it sounds quite different from what I remember. Much more industrial and trance like with lots of repetitive instrumental parts a lot of which has an electronic sound to the sound. And the songs are long. I like this quite a bit when it kicks into high-drive, when Victoria is growling and the music is at high-throttle - heavy and weaving and powerful. The tangents and more repetitive experimental parts don't hold my attention quite as much although this CD is quite happy in my CD player. If you like dark, brooding, heavy music with an industrial, experimental edge and if you want to follow up on the sounds of these Savannah folks - then this is most definitely worth checking out. (Yellow Dog/ PO Box 550208/ 10372 Berlin Germany <www.yellowdog.de>) (-Chris)

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ETA - WE ARE THE ATTACK 7" EP This is the fifth and final vinyl output by this Swedish thrashing hardcore band. Not that they are going to only doing CD's or anything, I'm saying they are DONE. Yes, they are done. They were so rad when they came through the states a while ago, playing Jerry's kids, Skidrowers, Gang Green, and Dicks Covers, it doesn't get much better than that. The dicks cover is even on here, with a little ETA tweaking. There's 8 songs on this little ripper, and it's definitely the best they've done since they changed their name from Epileptic Terror Attack to just ETA, I like their first EP the best. It sounds like DC hardcore on crack. You've probably heard or at least heard of these guys by now, you can be the judge. Have no fear, it's got that fast 1-2 beat that you always want to hear. Songs about skating, hating, and just being a bore. What else do you want? Emo? (Deranged Rec/PO Box 543 Stn P/Toronto On/M5S 2T1 Canada) (-Brandon)

EXAMINATION OF THE... - WE ARE THE ARCHITECTS OF DESIRE CD This is a prolific band cause I just had another CD from them reviewed in the last issue. These South Dakota boys play a heavy distorted kind of metallic grind that also

death metal with deep raspy vocals. Then they take the distortion away and get more melodic and back into the emo-screamo world only to kick back into a Darkest Hour kind of Swedish HC frenzy. Just 4 songs—which make for a solid release. (Forge Again Records/ PO Box 146837/ Chicago IL 60614 <www forgeagainrecords.com>) (-Chris)

FOREIGN LEGION - WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND CD Back from the grave, another old band from the UK getting back together... probably with the resurgence of interest in old punk, I'd guess. I never took much of an interest back then, and there wasn't too much to keep me interested here either. A very retro-sound is captured here in this new material, so older fans will probably enjoy it well enough. If you were ever a fan, give it a listen, it may do more for you then it did for me. (DSS Records, PO Box 739, 4021 Linz, Austria www.dssrecords.com) (Dave)

FORK KNIFE SPOON - BLACK STORK ATTACK EP Metaltinged, Kung Fu Rick kinda

Hardcore from Illinois. They definitely sound a lot like KFR. More breakdowns than you'd want in a hardcore record, but none the less, they speed it up every now and then. A lot of blast beats that are never really as tight as you want them to be. Cheesy cover art with the crappiest windows font possible for the band name, just not very eye-catching. Not really my cup of tea, but if you like the Kung Fu Rick, you'll like the Fork Knife Spoon. (Born to Die Records/ 29 East 10th Street/ Edmond, OK, 73034) (-Brandon)

FREE BEER - THE ONLY BEER THAT MATTERS CD With skate legend Tommy Guerrero (see Powell & Peralta late 80's for proof) in this band, you would have thought they would have been huge... but no. Instead, like The Drunk Injuns & Los Olvidados, they faded into the vaults of every 80's skate rats' memory as yet another under-rated skate rock band. Though probably the least studio material of the three Alt Tent "skate rock" re-issues, it is still interesting to hear what these guys were banging out between drinking binges. Half studio & half live, it is still worth checking out. (Alternative Tentacles, PO Box 419092, San Francisco, CA 94141-9092 www.alternativetentacles.com) (Dave)

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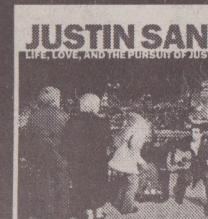
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Army—this is so familiar—the kind of thing that left me going “who is in this band? and what bands were they in before?” cause I feel like I should know. And of course the answer is Nate...from Devoid of Faith, the Oath, Monster X, etc etc. And that of course is the familiarity that I’m talking about. This is easily one of the best hardcore records I’ve heard in a long time. It’s dead on. Raging heavy hardcore with a galloping style and those deep gruff vocals. Fuck yeah! A total no-bullshit, no gimmicks kind of sound. Just totally raging, while delivering an adrenaline ride of old-style hardcore that keeps a catchy tempo to boot. I could list you some references perhaps, but this just has Albany-Boston—the North East written all over it for me. Old-school hardcore played with a heavy power, a raging driving pummeling style that could only be current. Another round of Fuck Yeah! for J.B.A. (Gloom Records/ PO Box 14253/ Albany NY 12212 <www.gloomrecords.com>) (-Chris) ****

JUMALAN RUOSKA—VIEREMA 7" Hyper Finnish hardcore that perhaps sounds a bit like TERVEET KADET crossed with VALSE TRISTE. This immediately brought HILJAJINEN KEVAT to mind because of the similar look of their releases and of course, the TERVEET KADET influence. With that said, some of you might already know this is truly something to be excited about. "Vierema" is JUMALAN RUOSKA's first vinyl release after a demo and a couple CDRs it seems (one was reviewed a couple issues back). This vinyl release is an improvement on the previous ones I've heard; yet even those were quite good! So take a chance on this unknown Finnish punk band, because if you're into traditional Finnish hardcore, chances are you'll be way into JUMALAN RUOSKA! BTW their name translates into English as "God's Whip". (JUMALAN RUOSKA/Vieremantie 10, 74200 Vierema/Finland <www.jumalanruoska.cjb.net>) (-JAY)

JUSTIN SANE—LIFE, LOVE AND THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE CD If you love Anti-Flag as much as I do, then you will not only know who Justin is, but you will also recognize his voice and words on this acoustic solo recording. Justin is the singer and guitar player from Anti-Flag. I love this guy and his snotty vocal punk anthems and catchy harmonious political punk songs that strike a chord with youth alienation. I kept trying to figure out what this made me think of or what it reminded me of, but I couldn't pin point it. At the end of the day, this sounds like Justin from Anti-Flag, as it should. Anti-Flag has a few songs like this - the acoustic numbers and even from the anarcho punk rockus. Justin's lyrics and vocal style stands out and this recording is all about that. I love this guy. (AF Records/ PO Box 71266/ Pittsburgh PA 15213 <www.a-frecords.com>) (-

Chris)

KEVORKIAN—RELIEF THROUGH SCREAM CD Very much in the mosh-metal-style, with growled vocals scattered on top. No rap, just guitar solo's, and chugga-chugga breakdowns on top of more breakdowns. They are from the Czech Republic & the song titles are pretty weird: "On Oxford Shoes Thrown Up On By A Preppy Asshole" & "Pulling The Shaving From Your Ass With The Help Of A Magnet" ... The lyrics are in English, but still confused me as much as the titles. On Well. (Hopewell Records, c/o Ondrej Benes, U Hraze 1, 100 00 Praha 10, Czech Republic) (Dave)

KNOCKDOWN - ALL OR NOTHING CD I thought there was a USA hardcore band with this name... but these guys are from Poland, and boy do they LOVE NYC hardcore. Lots of yelled back-up chants, with a h2o-meets-Warzone sound & style. The songs all sound like more modern hardcore, and don't do much to break any of the cliche's about the whole NYC "worship" that is evident here. Duel vocals tend to get on my nerves, since all I can think of is bands like Linkin Park & metal-poop (Shing, PO Box 117, 38-300 Gorlice, Poland <www.shingrecords.com>) (Dave) **KYLESA - ST CD** Kylesa have taken the us by storm. I hate to keep using the reference, but just in case you don't know, it's still relevant to know that this is one of the Ex-Damned bands and they retain a familiar, similar style. Kylesa are extreme and brutal as in ultimately heavy, dark, brooding, and powerful. This is a band that can have a wide appeal. They're got punk roots but manage to move beyond the expectations. With an incredibly deep throb and an ability to rock. This is music of the apocalypse. Fronted by female vocals that are brutally tough and guttural. She's got the ability use her voice in many different ways and so the complexity of music is matched with vocal variety—all of which makes this amazing. It's hard to describe simply, other than brutal and earthshattering and a bit of a masterpiece. (Prank/ PO Box 410892/SF CA 94141-0892) (-Chris) ****

LADY COP - STEP CD This is a hardcore record, I guess. It's more on the rocking punk with very harsh screetchy vocals end of hardcore. It's got 10 songs on it, that's pretty hard. The second time I listened to it I liked it a lot more than the first. The second side is definitely better than the first also, with faster songs than border on being "thrash" songs. The first song on the second side even reminds me of Cheetah Chrome Motherfuckers. It's just really basic driven, like they were. Anyway, the records got the worst cover ever, but the music isn't all that bad. (Twitch Records/ 2207 Elliot Dr/Nashville, TN, 37138/TwitchRecords.com) (-Brandon)

LATTERMAN - TURN UP THE PUNK, WE'LL BE SINGING CD Wow, this CD is really cheesy, catchy, and real. These kids wanted to record a record that they really wanted to put out. They put on no airs about anything. Their songs are punk rock without the acne and spikes, emotional without the sweaters or sappy journals, political without whining and positive for the sake of just being so. These songs are

completely genuine and not forced in any way, shape, or form. They admit to ripping off Crimpshire, the Gorilla Biscuits, Fugazi, Billy Bragg and 7 Seconds. There's a line about the "revolution in video games." Latterman are my new favorite band. (Traffic Violation Records, P.O. Box 772, East Setauket, NY, 11733) (-TNT)

LEFT WITH NOTHING - GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT CD I've been really excited about this band of late and was thrilled to see a new full length. Delivering some incredibly heavy and powerful hardcore. The kind of heavy hardcore that packs a serious punch and is powered by a thunderous throbbing crunch. I mean heavy. Drop tuned notes that just bellow. The vocals are gruff and deep to match the tone. This is some pretty intense and angry stuff and I love it. It's tight with metallic guitars and plenty of discordant grating parts as well. This is a 7 song CD with 4 new songs and 3 tracks for the "Wishing in Reverse" 7" (also on Excursion). (Excursion/ PO Box 2224/ Seattle WA 98102 <www.excursionrecords.com>) (-Chris)

LIFE IS A LIE - ST CD BRUTAL Brazilian grindcore from ex members of PARENTAL ADVISORY. This is VERY metal, technical and definitely far better than the average metal-grindcore debut release. So look no further then LIFE IS A LIE if you want to hear that tight & heavy grindcore sound. (Laja records/Caixa Postal 25519 - Vila VelhaES, CEP:29102-973/Brazil/ <www.laja.cjb.net>) (-JAY)

LIGHT THE FUSE AND RUN - ST CD I find this one of the hardest things to review - and that is because I like it so much - yet it's so different from everything else that I like and can reference. They're a punk band playing in the discordant emo style, and yet that isn't really true either. Plenty of grating melodies, plenty of odd-timing, with angst screamed, urgent and manic vocals. Great energy and passion. I can see/ feel the singer, Chris' spastic flailing to the frenetic tempo. There's a grating guitar sound at the accents of the beats. And then there are all of these scattered directions that they go in that defy category. Kinda like Refused, without really sounding like them. I have listening to this CD more times that I can count, and I just keep listening again, but the good descriptive words fall me. There are parts of this that if you separated them out, I might not dig it. I might be thinking about indie rock too much. But the way they weave everything together and defy words and categories is so refreshing, along with the lyrics. This is also a GREAT band live. Hooray for Richmond! (Exotic Fever Records/ PO Box 297/ College Park MD 20741-0297 <www.exoticfever.com>) (-Chris) ****

LIVING UNDER LIES - LP OK now I really have to admit its kind of hard for me to be impartial reviewing this as Grant, the guitarist, is my roommate and I have said before that he is definitely one of my favorite HC guitar players in the US. Yeah, if I gave a bad review it would bring up strange conversations as we are taking out the recycling like, "so mike you really think my band sounds like a 3rd rate Born Again?" Yeah, I was really hoping this wouldn't suck. Luckily this thing fuckin' rocks. Really good mid-paced Hardcore, choppy, and written in a scale stranger than minor. They developed their own hardcore sound and they don't follow the "From Tragedy Remains of Hero Rise at Midnight" formula, which is all so popular in Portland these days. Good stuff. (Dissonant Sound Industries (Ryan Stagnation) P.O. Box 2353/PDX, OR 97208) (-Mike Straight)

LOS OLVIDADOS - LISTEN TO THIS CD So what happens when hell freezes over??? A long-lost gem of skate rock glory gets to see the light of day - that's what! This band had a few songs skattered on skate videos & comp LP's, but never had a release of their own... until now. I loved the songs I heard back in the mid-80's, and having them assembled in one CD is heaven. This was recorded 20 years ago, but was just gathering dust till now... and it sounds as fresh as it did back then. No complaints here! (Alternative Tentacles, PO Box 419092, San Francisco, CA 94141-9092 <www.alternativetentacles.com>) (Dave)

MAN WITHOUT PLAN - GET RIGHT CD I love being pleasantly surprised. Man w/o Plan are three dudes from New York that play some pretty rad punk rock music kind of like Propagandhi meets Kid Dynamite. Their lyrics are smart and reflective and oftentimes poetic. Everything is heartfelt and everyone gives 100% to this band and it shows. Very refreshing. (Immigrant Sun Records, P.O. Box 150711, Brooklyn, NY 11215) (-TNT)

MAXMILLIAN COLBY - DISCOGRAPHY CD This CD (with the exception of one bonus track) was originally released on Richmond's own, now defunct, Whirled Records man years ago. What can be said about this, at least locally, legendary band? They played one of the first shows I ever went to in Richmond. They played their own brand of hardcore not unlike that stuff Gravity Records was putting out a country away. They had their glory with a couple of splits with the likes of Shotmaker and Rye Coalition as well as a self-titled 7" and some comp tracks. It's all here on this CD plus some demo and practice tracks. This band were way ahead of their time and were responsible for many kids in Virginia's involvement in the punk rock/hardcore movement both before and after their tragic demise. They will always hold a spot in the hearts of those connected to them in anyway. This CD is a document of that spot. Drew and Dave went on to The Sleepytime Trio. (Lorvitt Records, P.O. Box 248, Arlington, VA 22210) (-TNT)

MILEMARKER - SATANIC VERSUS CDEP Milemarker are weird. They are really nice people and fun to watch live, but I have a hard time getting into their CDs. They are very robotic and electronic in an evil way, which is cool, but it brings up the question of whether there's room for robotic and/or electronic music in punk rock, evil or not? It's very 80s sounding and tons of kids seem to like 'em, so listen for yourself. If you are familiar with Milemarker, this CD is a lot like theirs, so you know what to expect. I respect Jade Tree's mission to put out the best of the best of underground music, but I must say I prefer the more punk rock stuff. (Jade Tree, 2310 Kennwynn Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810) (-TNT)

MURDER DISCO X - THE MURDER DISCO EXPERIENCE 7" I can't help but know this as the German band that Kelly (from Detestations/Masskontrol/Severed Head) is playing drums on. They've got quite a tongue-in-cheek style with the lyrics. They're

sound has a very Irish-folk kinda feel with the traditional instruments—mandolin, accordian, tin whistle, fiddle, you get the idea—played with an incredible kick, as they're fast. The vocals have the strong accent coming through as the words come rolling and galloping along to the music. There is no way to not get a hitch up and dance a bit of a jig to this. Incredibly catchy and totally addictive. And coming from the world of punks and squatters, they incorporate politics and a touch of folk legend into their lyrics making this rule all around. (Mutiny/PO Box 1158/ Nth Fitzroy 3068/ Victoria Australia <www.mutiny.com.au / mutiny@gpo.com.au>) (-Chris) ****

NAILED DOWN - PERTH WOLFPACK LP Australia's hardcore unit #1 deal up a full length dose of fist in the air distortion. There's a good bit of variety here, with the A side being mostly slower almost OI sounding songs and the B side is taken from their hard to come by previously CD only release out of Japan titled "victory", which has more of the crusty "violent distortion" era sound to it. So punx, thrashers & pub drinkers, go pick up the slab of Australian distortion and get ready to have your ass kicked by NAILED DOWN! Comes in a thick gatefold sleeve to boot... (POWER IT UP records/ Postfach 1114, 38156 Vechelde/ Germany <www.power-it-up.de>) (-JAY)

ONE MAN ARMY - RUMORS AND HEADLINES CD LP The East Bay punk trio, One Man Army are back with their third CD, this time on the legendary BYO records. I loved the last two records, but this one doesn't pack the punk rock punch that the Adeline releases did. Nevertheless, OMA are still better than just about all of the other 'punc' bands on MTV2. They do the Stiff Little Fingers style punk rock, which is plain and simply rad any way you slice it up or produce it. (BYO Records, P.O. Box 67609, Los Angeles, CA 90067) (-TNT)

OUR WAR - IF YOU'RE NOT NOW... CD Super-pissed over-the-top straight-edge anthems, reminding me of bands like Confront & other militant sxo from the late 80's. Pretty clear & to the point on songs like "dead to us", and down right scary on "Dan O", which is about Dan O'Mahoney from No For An Answer (actually it is against him). They do a solid stab at the C.O.C. song "No Right"... (XOURXWARx, 1458 Reynolds Ave., Burlington, ON, L7M 3B7 Canada) (Dave)

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PEGGIO PUNK - DISCOGRAPHY 2XC D A band from the 80's gets the "everything"-treatment, with a shitload of punk packed onto these two discs. Demo material, live stuff, and loads of vinyl recordings are here. Kinda chunky like Negative Approach or even early Dischord stuff, but with a more thrashy 1-2-2 style (SOA Records, via Oderis da Gubbio 67/69, 00146 Roma Italy www.soarcards.it) (Dave)

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JUSTIN SANE - LIFE, LOVE AND THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE CD If you love Anti-Flag as much as I do, then you will not only know who Justin is, but you will also recognize his voice and words on this acoustic solo recording. Justin is the singer and guitar player from Anti-Flag. I love this guy and his snotty-vocaled punk anthems and catchy harmonious political punk songs that strike a chord with youth alienation. I kept trying to figure out what this made me think of or what it reminded me of, but I couldn't pin point it. At the end of the day, this sounds like Justin from Anti-Flag, as it should. Anti-Flag has a few songs like this - the acoustic numbers and even from the anemic punk rockus, Justin's lyrics and vocal style stands out and this recording is all about that. I love this guy. (AF Records/ PO Box 71266/ Pittsburgh PA 15213 <www.a-f-records.com>) (-

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LADY COP - STEP This a hardcore record, I guess. It's more on the rocking punk with very harsh screchy vocals end of hardcore. It's got 10 songs on it, that's pretty hard. The second time I listened to it I liked it a lot more than the first. The second side is definitely better than the first also, with faster songs than border on being "thrash" songs. The first song on the second side even reminds me of Cheetah Chrome Motherfuckers. It's just really bass driven, like they were. Anyway, the records got the worst cover ever, but the music isn't all that bad. (Twitch Records/ 2207 Elliot Dr/ Nashville, TN, 37138/TwitchRecords.com) (-Brandon)

LATTERMAN - TURN UP THE PUNK, WE'LL BE SINGING CD Wow, this CD is really cheesy, catchy, and real. These kids wanted to record a record that they really wanted to put out. They put on no airs about anything. Their songs are punk rock without the acne and spikes, emotional without the sweaters or sappy journals, political without whining and positive for the sake of just being so. These songs are

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LIVING UNDER LIES - LP Now I really have to admit its kind of hard for me to be impartial reviewing this as Grant, the guitarist, is my roommate and I have said before that he is definitely one of my favorite HC guitar players in the US. Yeah, if I gave a bad review it would bring up strange conversations as we are taking out the recycling like, "so mike you really think my band sounds like a 3rd rate Born Again?" Yeah, I was really hoping this wouldn't suck. Luckily this thing fuckin' rocks. Really good mid-paced Hardcore, choppy, and written in a scale stranger than minor. They developed their own hardcore sound and they don't follow the "From Tragedy Remains of Hero Rise at Midnight" formula, which is all so popular in Portland these days. Good stuff. (Dissonant Sound Industries (Ryan Stagnation) P.O. Box 2353/PDX, OR 97208) (-Mike Straight)

LOS OLVIDADOS - LISTEN TO THIS CD So what happens when hell freezes over??? A long-lost gem of skate rock glory gets to see the light of day: that's what! This band had a few songs scattered on skate videos & comp Lp's, but never had a release of their own... until now. I loved the songs I heard back in the mid-80's, and having them assembled in one CD is heaven. This was recorded 20 years ago, but was just gathering dust till now... and it sounds as fresh as it did back then. No complaints here! (Alternative Tentacles, PO Box 419092, San Francisco, CA 94141-9092 www.alternativetentacles.com) (Dave)

MAN WITHOUT PLAN - GET RIGHT CD I love being pleasantly surprised. Man w/o Plan are three dudes from New York that play some pretty rad punk rock music kind of like Propagandhi meets Kid Dynamite. Their lyrics are smart and reflective and oftentimes poetic. Everything is heartfelt and everyone gives 100% to this band and it shows. Very refreshing. (Immigrant Sun Records, P.O. Box 150711, Brooklyn, NY 11215) (-TNT)

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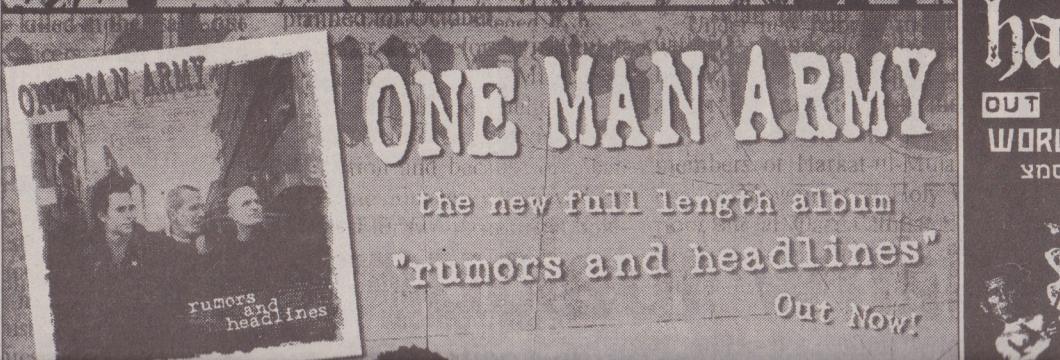
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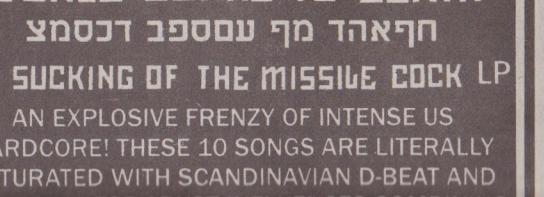
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SEND MORE PARAMEDICS - A FEAST FOR THE FALLEN CD This started out with a Slayer riff straight off South of Heaven and broke into a fairly fast metallic thrash part but then started sounding like System of a Down. Seriously, if you're in a rut and dying to hear that kind of thing, check this out. To me, there are so many better records coming out right now, like the Jesus and the Gospelfuckers split LP. The promo sheet said this sounded like "80's thrash metal/hardcore." Whatever, I guess that sells. For real thrash metal hardcore check out the Municipal Waste "Waste all" LP on Six Weeks Records in January. (In the Deep End Records/ www.intheadependrecords.co.uk) (-Brandon)

SHOWERING ASHES - BEAUTY AT THE PRICE OF VANITY EP This is that Torches to Rome, Ebulition kinda stuff. It kinda leans more toward slow buildup speed, which makes me lose interest, but maybe you'll think different. This is definitely no Jerry's kids "is this my world" LP if you know what I'm saying. What is though? It seems like too many bands are lacking creativity. If you're into screamy mid tempo hardcore that sounds like Born Against or Torches to Rome, you'll be into this. Nuff said. (Scenester Credentials/PO BOX 1275/Iowa City IA 52240) (-Brandon)

SIN DIOS - 1991-1997... 2xLP Another strong release from Spain's SIN DIOS. If you're not familiar with them I'd suggest checking out their "ingobernables" LP review that is also in this issue. To track down this release write to: (SKULD releases/ Malmesheimerstr. 14, 71272 Benningen/ Germany) (-JAY)

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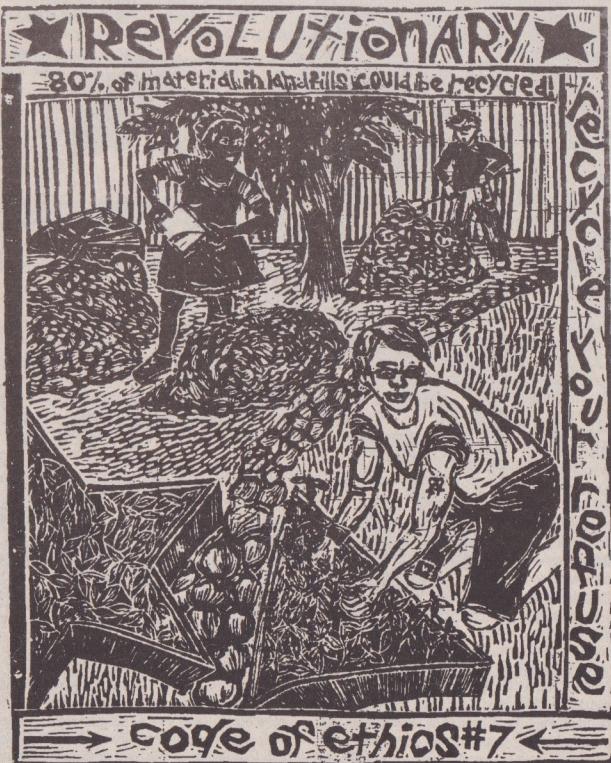
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SPLIT: KYLESA / MEMENTO MORI - SPLIT 7" Just from all the ex-bands between these two bands I should have known how interested I'd be. Kylesa has already kinda made a name for themselves in recent months as the new ex-Damned band. Their sound is heavy and huge. Rockin' and powerful. With guttural deep female vocals that are amazing. On this one song they throttle their power, weave plenty of layers of guitars, and the vocals even break down so that she really sings. All the while they've got this incredible rockin' groove with a massive sound. Memento Mori are a new band for me (with ex members of Scrotum Grinder, Cobra Kai and Sutek Conspiracy - all great bands). They start out with a strong acoustic song with a great guitar sound. When they first kick into the power distortion, I kinda wanted more of the acoustic strumming, but that epic and monumental feeling is transferred throughout this. This is speedmetal in a way that I haven't heard anyone play in a long time. I mean speed metal with racing galloping guitars. Michelle's vocals are awesome - she screams and growls and works with the epic quality. They've got an awesome groove that really rocks, and records hard with crunchy, chuggy parts. I love the introduction to this band. A fantastic split - with great artwork. And I gotta admit that I love the fact that both bands are fronted by rad women with awesome voices. Excellent! (Hyperrealist/ PO Box 9313/ Savannah GA 31412) (-Chris) ****

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song speeds up to an almost grindcore speed, so variety is here as well. A solid effort from both, but only THIRD DEGREE does that job for me. (SELFMADEGOD records/ P.O. Box 46, 21500 Biala Podl/Poland/ www.smgrecords.prv.pl) (-JAY)

Split: HELLBOUND / DESPITE CD A pairing of total fucking crust mayhem!

Canada's HELLBOUND start this out with Swedish inspired brutality in the vein of SCUMBRIGADE or early WOLFTACK. These tracks even beat their side of the split 7" with SCORNED! This time around they paired with DESPITE from Wisconsin-USA. DESPITE finish everything off with a bridging of crust and grind tunes that are well executed, and complete with harsh low-end vocals that are essential for their sound. There is also a vinyl LP version of this release, done by the vocalist of HELLBOUND and a few other cooperating labels. DIY crust is still going strong! (\$6 ppd USA, \$11 ppd world to: CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY records/PO box 1421, East Clare WI 54702/ USA) (-JAY)

Split: JESUS AND THE GOSPELFUCKERS / AGENT ORANGE SPLIT CD Amazing all around. I'm so glad that Kangaroo reissued this stuff. It's two old hardcore punk bands from Holland that rage so hard it's not even funny. The recordings range from like 82-85, and are absolutely killer. Jesus and the Gospel Fuckers are total Discharge with more interesting guitar and a little melody thrown into the mix. Twelve songs by them and not one of them is even remotely bad, they all shred. This is the hardest of the hard dudes. Imagine a slower BGK. Agent Orange is everyone from Jesus plus a female singer, and oh my god, they rule so much. It's such fast and original sounding hardcore. It's got that awesome 80's Netherlands sound, but it's not really not like anything else. This disc contains their two eps, and some unreleased songs, 11 songs total. It goes from fast, dirty and all around ripping hardcore with riffs Greg Ginn wish'd he could pull off. The later stuff sounds a whole hell of a lot like BGK. All in all, if you're hardcore you'll buy this piece of punk rock history, no matter the cost. The layout isn't as nice as the LP, and it doesn't include a poster, but the music is the same and it's mindblowing. Get it. (Kangaroo Records/Henk Smits/Middenweg 13/1098 AA Amsterdam/Netherlands/lyst@xs4all.nl/ www.geocities.com/lyst@kangaroo) (-Brandon)

Split: KYLESA / MEMENTO MORI - SPLIT 7" Just from all the ex-bands between these two bands I should have known how interested I'd be. Kylesa has already kinda made a name for themselves in recent months as the new ex-Damned band. Their sound is heavy and huge. Rockin' and powerful. With guttural deep female vocals that are amazing. On this one song they throttle their power, weave plenty of layers of guitars, and the vocals even break down so that she really sings. All the while they've got this incredible rockin' groove with a massive sound. Memento Mori are a new band for me (with ex members of Scrotum Grinder, Cobra Kai and Sutek Conspiracy - all great bands). They start out with a strong acoustic song with a great guitar sound. When they first kick into the power distortion, I kinda wanted more of the acoustic strumming, but that epic and monumental feeling in is transferred throughout this. This is speedmetal in a way that I haven't heard anyone play in a long time. I mean speed metal with racing galloping guitars. Michelle's vocals are awesome - she screams and growls and works with the epic quality. They've got an awesome groove that really rocks, and rocks hard with crunchy, chuggy parts. I love the introduction to this band. A fantastic split - with great artwork. And I gotta admit that I love the fact that both bands are fronted by rad women with awesome voices. Excellent! (Hyperrealist/ P.O. Box 9313/Savannah GA 31412) (-Chris) ****

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SKITKIDS - SKITFUCKED BY THE STATE DEMO CASSETTE Holy fucking Skit! This is just what I needed in the review pile... Some ass kicking NEW Swedish hardcore that has attitude and a heavy rockin' sound! At times comparable to TOTALITAR meets the new UNCURBED sound; this shit gets fists pumping in the air and beer flowing thru veins! Anthernic, yet stays totally harsh! I've caught a new hope for the future, and that hope will be called SKITKIDS! Be on the lookout for a vinyl release coming soon on Kickn'Punch records out of Denmark! (Viktor Bostrom/St Petro Kyrkogata 10, 222 21 Lund/Sweden) (-JAY)

SOMETHING IN THE WATER - SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL CD This CD contains everything this band has recorded so far. They sound like if Tear it up and Down in Flames overdosed on great hardcore bands like Christ on Parade, Crucifix, or Upright Citizens. That's mainly in the vocals though. This has the bands EP and comp tracks and a few unreleased jams. If you're into the wave of Jersey bands popping up, you'll like it. It's really fast at times with breakdowns that are pretty tasteful and the occasional female vocals. I saw them play once and this record doesn't do them justice. You be the judge. It's got great DIY packaging too. (Politically Corrupt Records/ 745 Wood Ave/ North Brunswick 08902-USA) (-Brandon)

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Charcoal Human have really raspy guttural raw vocals, dual vocals, one of which is a deep guttural growl the other higher and screamer and based on the photos seems to be from a girl. Musically they're explosive with a brutal edge of grind-core styled mayhem. Upside Down Flag also have a rather guitar style with vocals that trade from the raw and raspy to a more mid-range hardcore half-speak style and a metallic guitar sound with heavy rolling drumming and a bit of a rolling tempo. The record sleeve is printed on this translucent paper and includes a booklet from one band and a flyer from the other with the lyrics and stuff. No addresses though, and really it's all kinda chaotic though the anti-globalization type politics do come through. (Deplorable Records/PO Box 191/Balmain NSW 2041/Australia) (-Chris)

Split: DAWNCORE/ DARKEST HOUR - CD This is one of those mini CDs put into a full sized CD disk (I'm talking virtually here) and I had to flip it around a few times before the player would play. This is a 4 song CD with 2 new songs from each band for a recent European tour. Dawncore (from Hungary) play incredibly discordant, grating, metal-core with gulping raspy well accentuated vocals. Darkest Hour, known for their Swedish death metal style of hardcore, play a much tighter straight forward metal-hc style than Dawncore. With deep bluurrugy vocals and a tight kickin' energetic drive and the drum throttling master whipping up the fury. I think this must have also been release as a 5" record. (Join the Team Player/Altoettingerstr 6a/81673 Muenchen/Germany <www.jointheamplayer.com>) (-Chris)

Split: DECONDITIONED/ BLASTFOME SPLIT EP Deconditioned are pretty decent. They like they desperately wanted the recording engineer to make their record sound like the Urban Waste EP from 83. They probably even brought that record into the studio and played it for the dude 42 times. The songs aren't as good as the Urban Waste stuff, but it's decent hardcore punk shit. It's got a pretty fucking cool SOA cover on there too, can't really go wrong with that. Blastfome is more on the weird end of things, sounding more like Naked City or 7000 Dying Rats, or something of that sort. Just weird, harsh, fast at times, noisy, abrasive shit. (Banal Existence Rec./ 2706 Harvard Ave E/Seattle, WA 98102-3914) (-Brandon)

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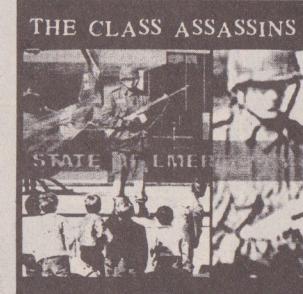
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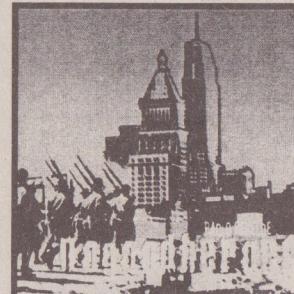
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the average ROT outburst. I think the extra production here gives that effect though. As far as 2 MINUTOS DE ODIO goes, their style is pretty much straight forward thrashing hardcore punk. It's comparable to LOS CRUDOS, but there's more of an unpracticed sound present here. But it's good stuff either way... The back of the sleeve has a don't pay more then \$3 comment on it, so I'm guessing you can get this for \$3 ppd to: (BUILDING RECORDS c/o Jamie Diaz/Apdo. 6317, 41080 Sevilla, Xpana - Spain) (-JAY)

SPLIT: TODSCHICKER - LOS REZIOS - Split 7" Todshicker are from Germany. They start out with open chords and a bouncing pogo beat, then kick in the distortion and play fast straight forward punk rock that continues that up and down, back and forth tempo of the pogo beat. The lyrics are in German and have a gruff edge to them but are pretty moderate. Straight forward punk rock. No grind, crust, or metal. Just punk rock. And it's damn good. Los Rezios are from Peru. I gotta admit I'm obsessed with Peru and the idea of punks in Peru makes me happy. Los Rezios play a fast driving style that borders on thrash. But they keep a good tempo, and hold a bit of a punk rock pogo beat as well. And the vocals match the tempo with back-up wooh's to go with the pogo beats and a raw, more raspy, singing style for the more thrashing parts. A totally solid good delivery of punk rock. (c/o Julio R./Apdo Postal/33AA062 (Sero Viejo) Peru) (-Chris)

SPLIT: TOM JOAD-QUE RISA - SPLIT CD Tom Joad is a nasty cross between The Mentors & The Antiseen in one big shit-sandwich. Lots of cussing, lots of "controversial" songs like "Fuck Commies" & "why Don't You Go Pay Your Taxes" made me wonder how much they are aren't joking around here. Que Risa are low-fi Or from Argentina. I couldn't figure out much from the lyrics/titles, since they were not English, and all I can say is they are all done with lots of thick singalong back-ups. 27 songs in all. (Rooster Records, P.O. Box 9221, Pittsburgh, PA 15224-0221) (Dave)

STAYING AT HOME - THESE MOMENTS MINUTES CD These guys are a melodic hardcore band from Australia. They are really catchy and not bad at all. They sound not unlike an early-90s emo band. Not the kind of emo that wears sweaters when it's 90 degrees outside and glasses with no lenses in 'em, but more like the emo bands that sing pretty for the kids and will punch you in the face if you call them sissies. (Humble Pie Recordings, P.O. Box 191, Balmain, NSW 2004, Australia) (-TNT)

SUBTONIX - ST 7" I can't believe I didn't previously know about this band - but all of a sudden my life is all about them. This is an all girl band outta SF and they are my new favorite band. Like a cross between X-Ray Spex, Action Pact and Fuzzbox these girls are punk rock with a new wave synth punk sound and a saxophone. Throws you back to the late 70s early 80s punk sound. Awesome vocals - she can belt it out and throw her voice like the girl from Action Pact. And they are tight, super catchy, and absolutely rock my world. I love this band more than words can say. I've always loved this style, but few bands have kept it alive and done it this well. The Subtonix are like a time-jump into the past - but they are current and that rules. They rule! Hooray! Only 2 songs here but they also have a full length CD out - and that is just as awesome. (Vida Loca Records/Casella Postale 17033/00189 Roma Grottarossa Italy <www.vidalocarecords.com> / Subtonix P.O. Box 426828/SF CA 94142-6828) (-Chris) *****

SUBTRACTOZERO - LP Imagine a soundtrack of a walk into a disturbed mind of a Midwesterner - one searching for hope, but surrounded by despair. Waves of sound crashing, songs which tie around creating a journey in themselves. Comparisons you ask? Now that is difficult - a more eerie Die Kruden, or maybe a low-fi Godspeed You Black Emperor. Dark and beautiful - really beautiful. (\$/ to Primary Thoughts P.O. Box 4995 PDX, OR 97208) (-Mike Straight)

SUICIDE NOTE - YOU'RE NOT LOOKING SO GOOD CD Kinda in the weird territory that bands like Cave-In got caught in for awhile... this CD plays out 10 tracks of scary metal-meets-screams rocky melody. Nothing retro or happy about this, just echoes of a madman's bad dreams. I like the Jackie O-infatuation on the packaging too! (Ferret Music Corp, 47 Wayne St. #3, Jersey City, NJ 07302 www.ferretstyle.com) (Dave)

SYNDICATE - SINCE NOW ALL IS LOST CD Some new styled crazy hardcore band from Australia. They've got the heavy powerful style with big metallic guitars and dual raspy distorted scream-o vocals. Their sound oozes and drones and then builds into a rukous rockin' groove. Lots of discordant energy and short quick changes in tempo and speed with a slight electronic sound effect underlying at times. (Deplorable Rec./PO Box 191/Balmain NSW 2004/Australia) (-Chris)

TEAR IT UP - DECEMBER 2000 SESSIONS CD If you don't already know this NJ band, that is too bad. You should. They play straight forward hardcore thrash. Short, fast, tight and in your face. Old-school styled hardcore in bursts of adrenaline and jumps in the air. Thrash that does not forsake some catchy energy. So this is a CD that brings all of the various 7"s records together - The Young Blood 7", split side of ETA LP, split 7" with Fast Times, and another one sided 7". One of the best things about CDs is the releases that bring together all the odd bits and pieces. A great band you need to know about. (Coalition Rec./Newton Str. 212/2562 KWS Den Haag/Netherlands <www.coalition-records.com>) (-Chris)

TEM EYES KI - ST LP As one of my favorite bands over the past year or so, I was thrilled to see a full length. The format gives this band enough room to roam and explore their sound - which is like a rock opera. Maralie's vocals are amazing - very operatic. She can really sing and throw her voice with such power. She can scream and growl as well. They are backed by very technical, high pitched guitar playing. It's very metal, in a classical way. At times they kick into full power drive - with a layered weaving style of metallic fusion. While at others the high pitched

Harlan Records/7205 Geronimo/North Little Rock AR 72116) (-Chris)

THE CONTROL - THE FORGOTTEN EP CD This new(er) band outta upstate NY plays a good mix of hardcore and punk, like few bands do. Aggressive raging hardcore with deep raspy vocals and then break up that rage with a catchy melodic tempo and even some straight forward guitar rockin'. It's kinda nice to hear a band mix it up this way. One minute you're thinking about a streetpunk gathering and the next minute a raging hardcore pit. The tough vocals hold this down and keep you thinking about hardcore, but remembering that it can be played with some good melody as well. Only 4 songs - which left me wanting more. (Go Kart P.O. Box 20/Prince St. Str/NYC 10012) (-Chris)

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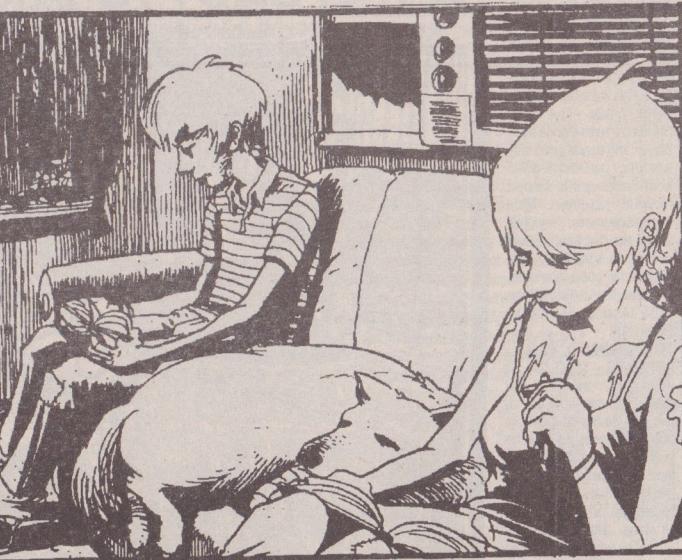
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artwork by Nate Powell, from Walkie Talkie #4

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SUBTRACTOZERO - LP Imagine a soundtrack of a walk into a disturbed mind of a Midwesterner - one searching for hope, but surrounded by despair. Waves of sound crashing, songs which tie around creating a journey in themselves. Comparisons you ask? Now that is difficult - a more eerie Die Krüzen, or maybe a low-fi Godspeed You Black Emperor. Dark and beautiful - really beautiful. (\$8/ to Primary Thoughts PO Box 4959 PDX, OR 97208) (-Mike Straight)

SUICIDE NOTE - YOU'RE NOT LOOKING SO GOOD CD Kinds in the weird territory that bands like Cave-in got caught in for awhile... this CD plays out 10 tracks of scary metal-meets-screams rocky melody. Nothing retro or happy about this, just echoes of a madman's bad dreams. I like the Jackie-O-infatuation on the packaging too! (Ferret Music Corp, 47 Wayne St., #3, Jersey City, NJ 07302 www.ferretstyle.com) (Dave)

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Boston Hardcore and how a lot of Boston HC bands in the 80s went very rock. I was thinking about how this has hardcore appeal, especially in the gruff vocals, even though it is plenty rock. I was thinking about the FUs and Strawdogs and trying to place it when it hit me - To Hell and Back sound like SSD. I mean they really sound like SSD. It's the vocals and the way the songs flow. Now I love SSDs "How We Rock" album and this is what I'm talking about - minus the heavy metal and emphasising the Rock. So let me say that I think this tape totally rules. It hits on something that I haven't heard in awhile and definitely haven't heard done "right" or in a way that "works" like this does. Cause it really does. Post hardcore rock that rocks without any bullshit or wanky guitars or crap. Just awesome and the way the vocals flow - well it hits on a good note for me. (To Hell & Back/c/o MacNaughton PO Box 2263/ Esp. Str./ Albany, NY 12220-0263 <tohellandback@capital.net>) (-Chris)

TODAY IS THE DAY - SADNESS WILL PREVAIL CD

This record is not titled very well. Let me make a few suggestions: "Anger will prevail", or "Pretension will prevail". Or perhaps, "Shitty fucking music will prevail"!! This is the worst excuse for a record/band/art I have heard in a long time. I cannot believe and do not understand how this band can actually dupe anyone into buying this piece of shit. Worst yet, it's a double disc! Which I guess is the only redeeming quality since you get twice the chances to use "sadness will prevail" as skeet for target practice. I'm sorry if I'm being a bit harsh here, but I can't and won't support or endorse awful, awful bands. In closing, -I think another review I've heard for a different band perfectly and concisely describes this newest (and hopefully final) release by Today is the Day. "Shit sandwich" (Relapse Records) (-Erik)

TOXIC NARCOTIC - WE'RE ALL DOOMED CD Yet another chapter from T.N. finds them delivering a pounding dose of their brand of metal-soaked punk. Over the top & raw, even after being around since 89... It's nice to see a band stay just as mean & brutal, without becoming boring! Hints of Nausea, and other crusty legends, but with layers of metallic production, instead of noise or feedback. Nothing nice or easy about this - keep up the good work! (Go Kart Records, PO Box 20, Prince Street Station, NYC, NY 10012 www.gokartrecords.com) (Dave)

TRAGEDY - CAN WE CALL THIS LIFE? 7"

Well this one has been out for several months now, and for all I know isn't even available anymore. But hope it is cause it's a gem of a record. Tragedy are one of my favorite bands. Their sound speaks to me deep inside. It just feels right, ya know. Familiar like an old friend.

The blend of driving energy, heavy power, weaving melody, and the gruff vocals is perfect. Their sound is epic and classic at the same time. 3 songs on here that are classics. The good news is that they are touring this fall. This is a mandatory record. (Tragedy Records/no address) (-Chris) ****

TRI-STATE-KILLING-SPREE - SOME WORDS ON THE SUBJECT OF BEING ALIVE CD

This is awesome! Point blank. It's so inspiring, encouraging and just plain awesome to have a band, a local Richmond band at that, who plays heavy hardcore with sincerity, thoughtfulness and passion. They sound like a tough guy band: as in they've got a heavy thick sound, with chugga chugga guitars and a hard-as-nails mosh in the pit kinda of energy. They also play fast as fuck and leave a chaotic wind in their path. But I know these guys and they're not tough guys at all. And it's nice to have tough music delivered by nice people. Lyrically I enjoy this as well. Andrew explains some of the lyrics further and they touch on issues such as local violence and scene issues, gender bending, capitalism, communication, the new wave of patriotism, and so much more. While agitating at times, and strong in opinions, the underlying feeling delivered here on this disk is positive. It's about making the most of things and doing what you love and for these guys it's playing some awesome heavy hardcore. Highly recommended! (Six Weeks/225 Lincoln Ave/ Cotati CA 94931 /Tristatekillingspree/PO Box 20380 Turku/Finland/ <passingbells@hotmail.com>) (-Chris)

THE PHOENIX FOUNDATION - ST 7"

This is a one-sided record of melodic punk with sing-songy vocals on white vinyl that comes in a hand-sewn camouflage record sleeve with the name screen-printed on it. The end of the record has a lock-groove of a high-pitched wail which you won't ever hear the end of. Melodic punk from Finland with a rockin' groove. Very DIY. (Phoenix Foundation/rizinkuja 1 D 20/20380 Turku/Finland/ <passingbells@hotmail.com>) (-Chris)

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TEAR IT UP - DECEMBER 2000 SESSIONS CD If you don't already know this NJ band, that is too bad. You should. They play straight forward hardcore thrash. Short, fast, tight and in your face. Old-school styled hardcore in bursts of adrenalin and jumps in the air. Thrash that does not forsake some catchy energy. So this is a CD that brings all of the various 7's records together - The Young Blood 7", split side of ETA LP, split 7" with Fast Times, and a rare one sided 7". One of the best things about CDs is the releases that bring together all the odd bits and pieces. A great band you need to know about. (Coalition Rec/Newton Str. 21/2 2562 KWS Den Haag/Netherlands <www.coalition-records.com>) (-Chris)

TEM EYOS KI - ST LP As one of my favorite bands over the past year or so, I was thrilled to see a full length. The format gives this band enough room to roam and explore their sound—which is like a rock opera. Maralie's vocals are amazing—very operatic. She can really sing and throw her voice with such power. She can scream and growl as well. They are backed by very technical, high pitched guitar playing. It's very metal, in a classical way. At times they kick into full power drive - with a layered weaving style of metallic fusion. While at others the high pitched technical guitar playing shines at the focus. There is also an accordian in there. Needless to say their style and sound is very unique and original - and quite amazing. The lyrics are totally earth based (and amazing). Not since Scatha have I known a band with lyrics this rooted in the worship and respect of nature. This is also a band that oozes enthusiasm and radiates their passionate energy and dedication to living life on their own terms - DIY style. We love them. An amazing record! Maralie's voice can melt with it's beauty. I think when I first heard this band I said "oh my god, mystical metal woman!" and that still holds true. (\$8ppd)

This is an awesome record! (Cheap Art/PO Box 2101/Philadelphia PA 19103) (-Chris) ****

THE KILLEREST EXPRESSION - FOUR DAYS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD CD Upon first glance of this CD, I thought it said the Kill Priest, but it was 3:45 am. The Killerest Expression are from England. They are a melodic pop-punkish band. They do that Fat Wreck Chords (circa 1995) sound really well. Maybe not the most original record I've heard, but it sounds really good and at least it's not New Found Glory. They have 'The' in front of their name, so maybe there's a spot for them on MTV these days. MTV Europe, at least. (In At The Deep End Rec., 82 Barlow Drive South, Awsworth, NG16 2TD, UK. <www.inatthedeependrecords.co.uk>) (-TNT)

THE KILLERS - MANUAL FOR SELF DESTRUCTION 10" I'm kinda surprised that I don't know more about this band, or that I haven't been listening to them for awhile - cause this is the kind of thing that runs right up my alley. Distorted, heavy, hardcore played with a layered discordant scream style. Dual crazed vocals of the raw screamed variety. A good thick heavy sound that holds down the heavy hardcore fort. Not too manic - although there are crazy parts. Not too emo, although there are some mello parts. Not really metal, although there is plenty of metallic crunch here. In other words - this is a good band with a good solid sound that fucking rocks. And I bet they get totally crazy when they play live. They're from Chicago - ex-Charles Bronson folks. Nice artwork and the booklet has lyrics and individual pages from each band member. (Later of God/PO Box 666/Troy NY 12181-666) (-Chris)

THE KRAYZ - A TIME FOR ACTION CD The Krays continue to be one of my favorite bands among the current wave of punky-punk bands. They're one of the few bands that have continued to stand out to me amidst the "streetpunk" explosion cause they always bring an awesome new twist to keep the pogo-beats a coming. Each time I hear them I love them more, and this new release follows up. Incredibly catchy songs with a driving rhythm and bouncing energetic tempo. Totally addictive with just the right hooks. The vocals are a big part of the songs. They're strong and distinct and have a rhythm which flows right along with the energy. The words are

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TWELVE HOUR TURN - PERFECT PROGRESS, PREFECT DESIRE LP/CD Twelve Hour Turn are back with their brand of DC-influenced hardcore from Florida. These dudes have been around the block a time or two and know how to play the stuff we like. This is probably my favorite Twelve Hour Turn record yet. It's nice and smooth at times, but it never ceases to rock and is loaded with subtleties that come through on subsequent listenings. I hear something new every time I listen. While it took me a while to get into this band, I think I'll listen to this CD more than their others. (No Idea Records, P.O. Box 14636, Gainesville, FL 32604, <www.noidearecords.com>) (-TNT)

THE COST - CHIMERA CD/LP Hailing from the Bay Area, The Cost play melodic, discordant hardcore with dark lyrics and stuff. I'm hoping if I listen to this a couple of times, it'll grow on me, but I have to be honest, it's not really grab me at all. It's reminiscent of early nineties melodic hardcore ala Drive Like Jehu. Yeah. It was produced by Ryan Massey from American Steel. I like American Steel a whole lot and with the Cost sounded more like them so I could give it a better review. I like the artwork a lot, though. (Lookout Records, 3264 Adeline St, Berkeley, CA 94703) (-TNT)

UNIT - SONGS OF THE DRAGON CD A couple reviews ago, I said that the Beecher CD was the weirdest CD I've ever gotten for review. Well, I definitely spoke way too soon. This is definitely the weirdest CD I've ever heard, period. It wins the title, hands down. Unit are from England. Four members are from the Hackney Chinese Youth Club. The other two guys were members of an 'obscure punk band,' the Apostles. Most of the songs are about Asian pride and culture, but are all sung in English. Other songs are about honoring your mother and father, the dangers of drugs and 'becoming a hippie,' gay pride, playing Mah Jong(sp?), Hooking up with dudes after challenging their Kung Fu, JFK and his foreign policy,

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UNRULY - MISERY STRENGTHENED FAITH CD This is a discography for this Phoenix hardcore band that is no longer around. This is a band that I always enjoyed hearing, and looked forward to new releases. I even got to see them once—when I was in Phoenix (a place I never hope to be again) — and seeing them was about the only good thing about Phoenix in July. Always a good band for desert baked hardcore. Stylistically diverse—merging various styles of heavy metallic crusty hardcore thrash that still holds a good heavy rockin' tempo. Good drop tuned distortion and plenty of metallic riffs. Raspy raw vocals that growl. A sludgy viscous sort of heaviness from the height of the power-violence era. This has the full length, st 7", tracks from a split w/Enewetak and a comp track. Awesome stuff! (King of the Monsters/834 E. San Salvador/Scottsdale AZ 85258 <www.kotmrecords.com>) (-Chris)

VA - DERANGED CD SAMPLER CD VOL. 2 Start off with OUR WAR, a very mediocre SXE hardcore band with incredibly annoying vocals, just try and sit through it. The next band is FUCKED UP, a more punk hardcore band that reminds me of the PIST. It's got a lot of cool guitar leads, it's even a little like old LA punk (you know the bands), with slapshot era choke singing. DUMBSTRUCK is next with a couple ripping hardcore thrash songs that bring to mind FU's if they overdoesd on Anti-Cimex. We got ETA and DS 13 after that kicking out the old school DC hardcore inspired jams. Haymaker is next with shit that sounds just like LEFT FOR DEAD, without the crazy vocals. NKG rages all around with some very tough, very fast Japanese hardcore thrash. Then comes HACKSAW, who play crappy rock and roll, period. Last in line rules it with some Balls Out hardcore that sounds like Last Rights mixed with the Crumbuckets "Life of Dreams" shit. Highscore is fast Vitamin X type stuff, you know, fun modern straight edge hardcore thrash stuff. Tear It Up need no review, you know em and you probably like em. OUT COLD are the best fucking band on here, and probably the best band around right now. Ripping fast hardcore that's as tight as having your shoelaces tied together. They sound like the Freeze and Poison Idea and shit like that. Really killer shit. VOORHEES finish it with a fast little ditty, that's like every other Voorhees song. Short, fast, mean, and straight forward hardcore. (Deranged Records/PO Box 543 Stn P/Toronto On/M5S 2T1 Canada) (-Brandon)

VA - OI STRIKE SAMPLER CD A 26 track sampler from 10 of the bands on the Oi Strike label in Italy. You get lots of material here from the likes of The Templars, Vanilla Muffins, Duap & more. Very much like the old vinyl comps on the Link label

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VA - TOMORROW WILL BE WORSE III CD 22 tracks combining the following bands: The Fartz, Struck, Brody's Militia, Vivisick, Idol Punch, & Flag Of Democracy. I don't know how much is/ isn't unreleased?? Decent comp, nothing to stand-outish, aside from Blaine from The Fartz still sounding amazing after all these years... I just want an Accused re-union, is that too much to ask?!! (Sound Pollution, PO Box 17742, Covington, KY 41017 www.sound-pollution.com) (Dave)

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The latest band fronted by Jack from Mind Control. I've come to love and depend on Jack and his boys to deliver some awesome raging punk rock. And I think I'll always have it linked in my mind how crazy this band made Jay as it totally stoked. Jacks vocals are raspy, raw and kinda insane. They've got the Swedish styled guitar walls and a super thick heavy driving sound to their guitars and pummeling big drums. Kinda like a cross between the Swedish and Japanese hardcore styles. Plenty of grunting "ooohs" at just the right points to throw the power out and they manage to keep a catchy rhythm too. They mix in a bit of classic anarcho-punk feel especially in the anti-war choruses. Essentially they're drawing on all the anarcho-punk points of reference that I would expect and it's fucking awesome! What really makes this stand out is that they got it all right - and even though they draw on the same influences that many bands do - they do it in a way that just fucking rocks! Look for the new full length on Hardcore Holocaust - which just came out!! (Prank/PO Box 410892/SF CA 94141-0892) (-Chris) ****

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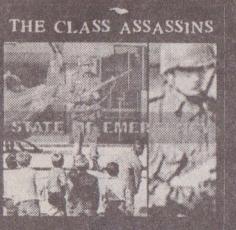


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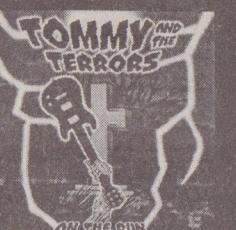
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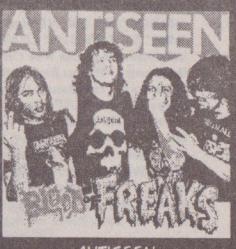
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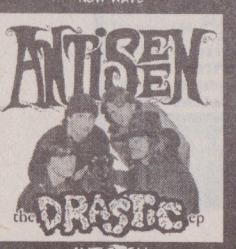
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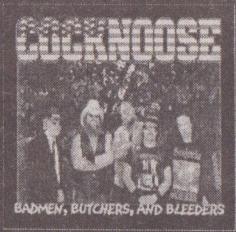
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Meanwhile, the cludes in Roach Motel searched for live recordings. They supplied me with FIVE complete live shows. I chose what I thought was the best one, a rowdy 1983 Miami gig, featuring some of their best songs, and a hilarious classic rock cover. Thirteen tracks in all. Roach Motel were Florida's kings of beer-soaked mayhem and mirth. Songs like "Brooke Shields Must Die" and "What's Your Mom Liked Drugs?" make me laugh every time.

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and noses. He also manages to make fun of himself while also putting himself on the back for his smarts and good sense. Anyway, I thoroughly enjoyed this one. I love zines that tell one continuous story that holds you attention, and takes you on an adventure that you would unlikely experience otherwise. (-Chris)

PROPER GANDER #34 (6 issue sub \$10/PO Box 434/San Marcos, TX 78667) Newspaper filled with assorted comics, artwork, a tale of one man phone conversations, tons of local ads, and a few zine recommendations. It's a good, quick zine to get through when you're waiting for food. (-Aprille)

PUNKS BEFORE PROFITS #12 (\$7/ punksbeforeprofits@hotmail.com) The front covers says it's the last issue ever. The editors are moving on to new projects. This is a compilation of writing pulled from previous issues, with a few bits thrown in. This zine has always provided a peak into the small but very active punk scene in Olean, NY. The editors play pivotal roles in that scene—putting on shows, booking tours, organizing stable punk houses and practice spaces and just having a whole lot of fun. The contents are revolve around their town and what's going on in it. This is a written record of punk rock in Olean. (-Aprille)

Pussy Magazine #10 (4 issue subscription for \$20/287 Bedford Ave #12/ Brooklyn, NY 11211) Swanky, glossy covered pulpy magazine of clip art craziness. Lots of collages that are a combination of fashion magazines some DIY looking porn and other eclectic bits. Most of them focus on questioning beauty, femininity and body image. Quite a bit of positivity and living to the fullest pours out too. The writing is almost second to the collages. It covers the editor's thoughts on life, the current political state and whatever else comes into her head. The fiction tale of love and republican whores was enjoyable. There's a zine with in this one also. It's put out by and for trannies. It's called Damselette. Pretty simple and short. (-Aprille)

QUID #1 June 02 (Ruben/Cerro del Fraile #6121/Col. Valle de Cumbres/CP 64347/Monterrey NL Mexico) Fernando sent me this zine - it's all in Spanish. There's an interview with Born Dead Icons from when they went to Mexico. Writing on anarchism, bull fights, music and activism, a few reviews and contacts. There's more than I can't translate. Generally seems to be a positive zine combining punk, politics and action. (-Chris)

RADICAL SLUT DIS-COVERY: BUILDING AND RE-BUILDING OUT SEXUAL SELVES (\$2/ 2865 Wildwood Dr/ Clearwater FL 33761) The title of this is misleading. Which I found out, when a friend at work saw it and got all excited, begging me to let her look at it first. She's a self proclaimed slut with no bones about it. She returned it quickly, disappointed that it's aim was with sexual abuse and healing. Not the writings of an unabashed sex loving woman. Instead it's the project of two women who were sexually abused and are working hard to heal from it. This contains stories from each of them, along with a lot of information and work-bookish type exercises to help others out there. (-Aprille)

RAZORCAKE #9 + #10 (1 year/6 issue sub in the US: \$2/PO Box 42129/Los Angeles CA 90042 <www.razorcake.com>) I had a really good time reading through these two issues. First off issue #9 has a great photo of Thomas from Strike Anywhere on the cover (which got my hometown pride swelling) and the interview that the photo leads you to is really awesome. An amazing and inspiring band who do justice with words and continue to inspire, educate, agitate and incite a circle pit. I leaned quite a bit about Richmond from this interview (which isn't that surprising really considering.) Anyway there is plenty more in here - the usual pages upon pages of columns (most of which I just glance at or skip through), as well as reviews of zines, music and select books. One thing I notice is that they don't list addresses - I guess you're either supposed to be able to find the stuff or search on line for it. I wanted to some mailing addresses myself. So also in issue #9 are features on Out Cold, Fleshies, The Briefs, and work saboteur legend Ben Hamper (former factory worker and author of Rivethead). Issue #10 has "Searching for Emma Goldman" on the cover, which led me to immediately



social centre in plenty of reviews, a news section, letters. And the feature of this issue is a discussion about DIY distribution - checking in with some of the reputable folks across the world struggling to keep things going in the realm of international DIY distros and getting some debates going. I think this kind of thing is really important and I'm glad to see this zine bringing together various perspectives within the DIY network. I think that this is a great zine and the combined coverage (music, politics, direct action, diy international network) is excellent! (-Chris)

REASON TO BELIEVE #6 I almost lost this issue, buried under a pile of zines. Let me tell you about the highlights: intv. w/JAR (anarcho-punk collective in Chivas Mexico), Czech Republic scene report, band intv. w/Brezhnev, Dumbstruck, Seen' Red, the STE gig collective, starting a food co-op, and continued discussion forum on the rise and fall of DIY distribution - looking at how things are evolving and changing. **REASON TO BELIEVE** #7. Brand new issue just arrived... the feature in this issue is a focus on political prisoners - about prisoner support, intv. w/Rod Coronado, Mark Barnsley, tips on how to write to prisoners. There's a Macedonia scene report, coverage on resistance in the south pacific, band interviews w/Stand, Crispus Attucks, tips for the garden (in England they call them allotments). The DIY debate in this issue is on whether free zines are killing small zines. The debate is among several UK zine publishers (Andy Bald Cactus, Welly Artcore, Steve Ripping Thrash, Colin Hell & Damnation, Rachel Cat on a String and Chip Cargo Cult). This is the stuff I love to hear about, read about, and get other folks perspectives on. The other usual features are here too - reviews, news, letters, health tips, etc. Always recommended. (-Chris)

REGARDLESS #2 (\$2/cb Alex Dahlqvist/Basungatan 27/421 40 V. Frolunda/Sweden <http://regardless.cjb.net>) I was really impressed with the first issue of this zine, and this one doesn't disappoint! This is your standard half sized cut 'n paste zine complete with music reviews and interviews with Lost, Kontrovers, Remains of the Day, and Henrik Lillegren of the Cancer zine. Get this! (-tifani)

REJECTED BAND NAMES #7 (\$2/trade P O Box 330156/Murfreesboro TN 37133-0156) This issue is a hard one to write a review for. It's very sad. It made me cry. But where Jérianne is a wonderful writer and I strongly recommend reading this - it's hard to sing praises towards writing that is about personal tragedy. She's experienced deaths, a cross country move, piling debt, bad job hunting luck, and all the stresses that accumulate during hard times. I hope things are leveling out for her - and putting this zine together aided in healing. If you've ever dealt with an unexpected death, this will bring up a lot of memories. But that is what makes zines so amazing. The connection of shared experiences and feelings. (-Aprille)

RESERVED #4 (7/ 2602 Harford Rd/ Fallston MD 21047 /bachmanjohn@hotmail.com) Clean cut hardcore zine with interviews of What Happens Next?, Charm City Suicides and Kill Your Idols. Some of the bands on their top 10 list include American Nightmare, Fugazi, Bane and Jimmy Eat World. If this sounds like your thing then write to the address above. (-tifani)

RETAIL WHORE #6 (\$1 each/ c/o K. Raz/ P O Box 688/Evanston IL 60204) Although this zine started out as a release to rant about crappy retail jobs - it's grown to cover a lot more. Each of these issues has a prominent theme, #6= mix tapes, #7= stalking and #8= the car issue. Of the three, the stalking one caught my interest the most. After all, we all probably can admit one instance,

Los Angeles CA 90042) This is a continually excellent newsprint zine that covers the international political hardcore and punk scene. It's distributed free through Europe and features extensive coverage of squats across Europe, including tips for new squatters. Band interview with Imbalance and Sin Dios. An intv. w/ the Emma London and the Anarchist Federation. Plus

Prisoners' and I found her handwriting pretty hard to read. This zine's about boys, sex, and booze. She's tough, her stories are entertaining, and I usually enjoy her writing style a lot. Sadly, this time she really didn't hook me. I tend to have trouble getting into drug and alcohol stories, but if you like them then you might like this. (-Davin)

SHAZZBUTT! #9 (\$1/Mark Novotny/5413 6th Ave/Countryside, IL 60525)

This has never been a zine that really stuck in my mind. It just leaves me thinking maybe I'm missing a joke or something. Oh well. This issue is put together with a mock fashion magazine theme. There's a letters section, a complete guide to mustaches, an analysis of -punk fashion, interview with Hewhcorrups, record reviews, made up celebrity gossip, a run down of why Winona Ryder should date the editor, a bunch of home aide fashion photo pages and a few pages of advice on style. Like I said, I just don't seem to be getting it. (-Aprille)

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VOETSEK - TINEA CRURIS 7" Three-quarters Female thrash from sunny CA. Fast, as thrash pretty much has to be, so it works. They do an E.N.T. cover, which is a bit unexpected, and of course quite cool. Also, this was recorded by Noah (ross) Landis, if that'll help draw some more people into their buying frenzy... but no comparisons musically to Neurosis here. The "thrash" label will do fine. Interesting lyrics for a change, with a hearty dose of sarcasm, to help push this one above the OK point. Worth checking out for sure... (SIX WEEKS records/225 Lincoln Ave.,

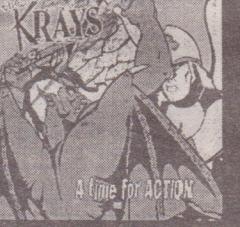
These songs were originally released on iThrash, therefore I am BCT tape #18, in 1985. Got some of that classic peace punk feeling to it. Also includes a cover of "My Generation". The 3 originals really are quite good and I previously did not know about this band, though I was a huge Instigators fan. (Punk-111 Records/PO Box 4664/Walnut Creek CA 94596 <www.punk111.com>) (-Chris)

YANKEE WUSS - S&LP I find this a hard band to describe. The timing is disjointed and odd. Raging energy with blurrugg vocals, and quick time changes. There are dual vocals - one in a screamy style and one in a moderate spoken tone. But the timing, energy and angst are still a hard groove to grab. Sometimes they play a much cleaner (as in no-distortion) style with a twangy guitar sound. The hardcore-political lyrics are good. The two sides to this LP have different members and on one side I recognized Dyanne from Harum Scaram singing (and bass playing) as well - which adds in a 3rd voice and a new dynamic. I like this stuff a whole lot more. The timing is still odd - yet it has a layered style which pushes forward. A diverse band that kinda reminds me of the 80s - of the DK's era of punk. (Ministry of Peace/PMB 121/4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd/Portland OR 97214) (-Chris)

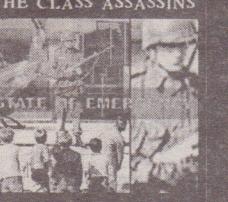
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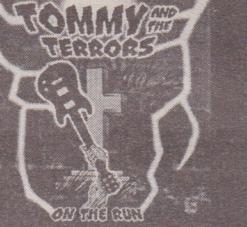
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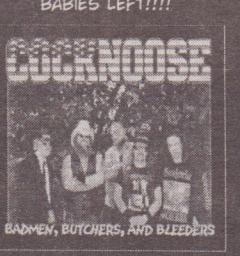


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